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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge A.:F.:&A.:M.:

OF

ALABAMA

AT THE

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

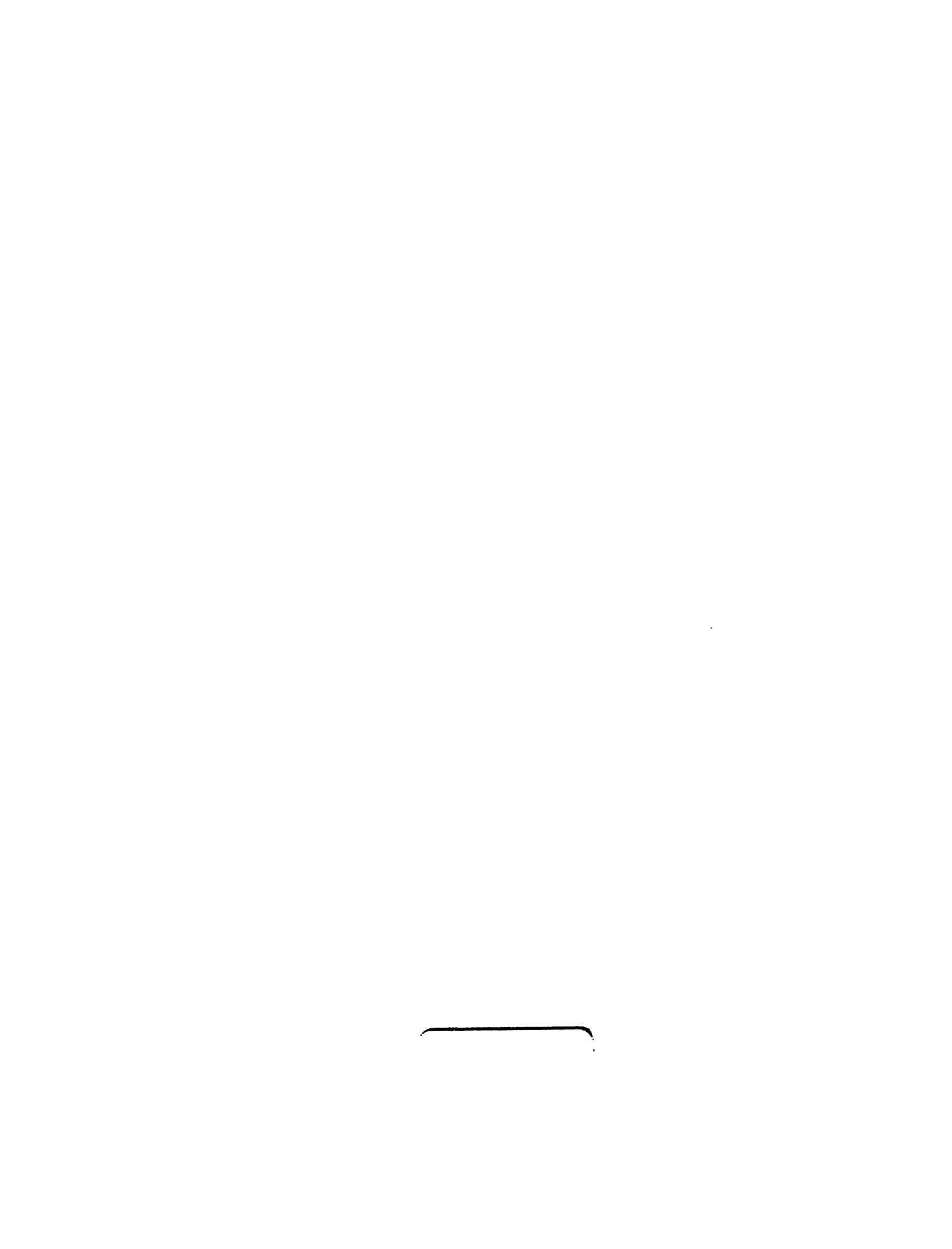
HELD AT

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

**Special Communications—May 3, 1906
and June 8, 1906**

**Annual Communication—December 4th
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GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form by R. W. Brother Hugh S. D. Mallory, Senior Grand Warden, acting as Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama had been convened for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased Brother, Edward S. Gatchell, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, and Worshipful Master of Selma Fraternal Lodge No. 27. The Grand Marshal was ordered to take charge of the Grand Lodge as a body and repair to the home of our deceased brother.

After the services at the grave, the brethren reassembled at the Lodge Hall to transact such other business as would properly come before this meeting.

A committee consisting of Brothers H. S. D. Mallory, W. H. Trimby and C. C. Grayson, was appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of our deceased brother.

No other business to come before this Grand Lodge, the same was closed in Ample Form.

**H. S. D. MALLORY,
Sen. Grand Warden,
and Acting Grand Master.**

**H. F. COOPER,
Acting Grand Secretary.**

PROCEEDINGS
—of the—
Grand Lodge of Alabama
—at the—
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Held Friday, June 8, 1906

MASONIC TEMPLE,

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, JUNE 8, 1906.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION of the M.W. Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alabama, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Grand Lodge Hall, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother, Most Worshipful Grand Master Henry Hudson Matthews.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by R.W. Brother Benjamin M. Jacobs, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain; the following Grand Officers occupying their respective stations:

**BENJAMIN M. JACOBS, D.G. M., as M.W. Grand Master.
HENRY M. MILLSTEAD, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

HUGH S. D. MALLORY, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
LAWRENCE H. LEE, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, R. W. Grand Secretary.
NEAL L. ANDERSON, as R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.
DAVID W. MCIVER, R. W. Grand Marshal.
WALKER S. SCOTT, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
JOSEPH H. EDWARDS, W. Junior Grand Deacon.
LEWIS H. REYNOLDS, as Senior Grand Steward.
ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY, Junior Grand Steward.
CHARLES A. ALLEN, Grand Tiler.
And a due Representation of Lodges.

The R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master in fitting terms announced the death of our beloved Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Henry Hudson Matthews, which occurred in this city on Wednesday morning, the 6th instant.

PALL BEARERS.

The R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master, appointed as active Pall Bearers, the following brethren .

HENRY C. DAVIDSON,	WILLIAM J. ORUM,
ROBERT S. TEAGUE,	ROBERT L. DOUGLASS,
ROBERT TYLER GOODWIN,	LOUIS BLOCH,
JOHN B. LYONS,	JOHN B. BETHEA.

The Grand Lodge was then called off.

The Grand Marshal formed procession and the Grand Lodge moved in a body to the Library room of the Masonic Temple, where the remains of our deceased Grand Master lay in state, surrounded by his bereaved family, relatives and

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friends, and a large concourse of prominent citizens. · The beautiful and solemn burial service of the Church was conducted by Reverend Brother Stewart McQueen in a most impressive manner, after which the Lodge service was conducted by R.·. W.·. Brother Benjamin M. Jacobs, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, assisted by the brethren.

The procession was reformed, and accompanied by an immense concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, proceeded with the remains to Oakwood Cemetery, where all that was mortal of our greatly beloved Grand Master Henry Hudson Matthews, was laid to rest, with the Masonic Burial Service performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by R.·. W.·. Brother Benjamin M. Jacobs, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, assisted by the brethren.

The procession then returned to the Grand Lodge Hall.

CLOSED.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

BENJAMIN M. JACOBS,
Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Alabama
AT THE
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD DECEMBER 4 AND 5, 1906

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction, commenced its Eighty-sixth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, on the evening of Tuesday, at 7:30 o'clock, on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906.

PRESENT.

BEN M. JACOBS.....Birmingham, Dep. and Act. Grand Master as Grand Master.
JAMES A. BILBRO.....Gadsden, P. G. M. as Deputy Grand Master.
HUGH S. D. MALLORY.....SelmaSen. Grand Warden.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....GadsdenJun. Grand Warden.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEYMontgomery ..Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP..Montgomery ..Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BLEDSOE....LaFayetteGrand Chaplain.
DAVID W. McIVER.....Montgomery ..Grand Marshal.
AUSTIN E. LEDYARD.....Pell City.....as S. Grand Deacon.
JOSEPH H. EDWARDS....WylamJ Grand Deacon.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

JOHN J. WIRTH.....Birmingham ..as S. Grand Steward.
 ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY....Mobile J. Grand Steward.
 CHARLES A. ALLEN.....Montgomery ..Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

JOHN G. HARRISPast Grand Master.
 GEORGE P. HARRISON.....Past Grand Master.
 JAMES A. BILBRO.....Past Grand Master.
 B. DUDLEY WILLIAMS.....Past Grand Master.
 RUSSELL M. CUNNINGHAM.....Past Grand Master.
 ROBERT J. REDDEN.....Past Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER GRAND
LODGES.

George P. Harrison.....Opelika.....Arizona
 Henry C. Miller.....East Lake....Arkansas.
 Lew Lazarus.....Birmingham ..British Columbia.
 F. L. Zimmermann.....Troy.....Colorado.
 Robert J. Redden.....Sulligent.....Connecticut.
 Elliott G. Rickarby.....Mobile.....Costa Rica.
 John B. Lyons.....Opelika.....District of Columbia.
 James W. PennAttallaEngland.
 Russell M. Cunningham ..Ensley.....Florida.
 James A. Bilbro.....GadedenGeorgia.
 Morris Newfield.....Birmingham ..Hungary.
 John G. Harris.....Montgomery ..Idaho.
 William W. Daffin.....Grove Hill....Illinois.
 Samuel W. Tate.....Anniston.....Kansas.
 B. Dudley Williams.....Oxford.....Maine.
 Jesse M. Carmichael.....Ozark.....Manitoba
 Jacob D. BlochMobile.....Maryland.
 William J. Orum.....Montgomery ..Michigan.
 Angus M. Scott.....HeadlandMinnesota.
 James A. Moore.....Montevallo....Mississippi.
 Hezekiah G. EarnestPiedmontMissouri.
 William A. Arnold.....Ozark.....Montana,
 Joseph H Edwards.....WylamNebraska.
 Percy B. Dixon.....Mobile.....New Brunswick.
 Ben M. Jacobs.....Birmingham ..New Jersey.
 Hugh S. D. Mallory.....Selma.....New South Wales.



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George P. Harrison.....Opelika.....New York.
 Louis Bloch.....Montgomery ..New Zealand.
 Basil M. Hill.....Springville....North Carolina.
 Jesse M. Carmichael.....Ozark.....Ohio.
 John B. ChristianUniontown....Oregon.
 George F. Sedberry....Wetumpka....South Australia.
 Francis H. Bates.....HamburgSouth Dakota.
 George H Thigpen.....ElbaVermont.
 George A. Beauchamp.... Montgomery ..Virginia.
 James B. HunterUnion Sprgs.. Washington.
 William Yates Titcomb...Anniston.....Western Australia.
 Daniel A. Greene.....Birmingham ..West Virginia.

AND MASTERS, WARDENS AND PROXIES FROM
 SUBORDINATE LODGES AS FOLLOWS:

1 Helion	{ L. C. Sugg.....W. M. J. W. Battle.....S. W. George T. Marsh.....J. W.
4 Rising Virtue.....	{ W. E. Bingham.....W. M. J. H. Ward .....S. W. Walter Smith*.....J. W.
6 Moulton	N. G. Delashaw.....W. M.
7 Macon	{ W. W. Daffin.....W. M. M. E. Chapman.....S. W. E. M. McLeod.....W. M.
8 Farrar	H. G. Neal*.....W. M.
10 Royal White Hart.....	W. A. Blair*.....W. M.
11 Montgomery	{ Wallace J. Chambers...W. M. John L. Harris.....S. W. Emanuel Ketzky.....J. W.
14 Florence	{ C. P. Anderson.....W. M. J. F. Koonce.....J. W.
22 St. Albans.....	{ W. B. Cooper.....W. M. E. S. George*.....S. W.
24 George Washington.....	H. T. White.....J. W.
25 Dale	N. D Godbold.....W. M.
27 Selma Fraternal	Louis Raymond*.....W. M.
31 Autauga	{ W. A. Overstreet.....W. M. W. E. Wallace.....S. W.
36 Washington	A. H. Carmichael ....W. M.
37 Courtland	John A. Gilchrist .....S. W.
39 Wetumpka.....	{ Adolphe Hohenberg.....W. M. G. F. Sedberry*.....J. W.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

40	Mobile.....	{ C. A. L. Johnstone.....W. M. J. D. Bloch*.....S. W. Percy B. Dixon*.....J. W.
41	Livingston	D. S. Brockway.....W. M.
42	Hiram	Thomas R. Ward.....W. M.
46	Harmony	{ Seth Mabry .....W. M. Geo. A. Beauchamp*....S. W. J. M. Blackman.....J. W.
49	Demopolis	{ Jacob Bley.....W. M. J. B. Hearin*.....S. W. Jno. M. Neely*.....J. W.
50	Union.....	{ John S. Kennedy.....S. W. W. M. Neely*.....J. W.
52	New Market	Jas. T. Walker.....W. M.
53	Greening.....	{ H. A. Shields.....W. M. Y. M. Long.....S. W. E. E. Newton.....J. W.
54	Amity	E. W. Goss*.....S. W.
55	Mt. Moriah.....	W. B. Burgin.....W. M.
56	Troy	S. A. Pilley.....W. M. S. L. Brewer*.....W. M.
57	Tuskegee.....	{ E. R. Alexander*.....S. W. Wm. P. Cobb*.....J. W.
59	Benton	W. V. Bozeman*.....W. M.
62	St. Johns.....	Louis M. Moseley.....W. M.
63	Social.....	{ G. J. Alley.....S. W. C. B. Milner*.....J. W.
64	Eureka.....	{ B. H. Whittington*....W. M. J. R. Porterfield*.....S. W.
67	Hampden Sidney.....	{ C. W. Chapman.....W. M. D. F. Berry*.....S. W. Jesse Evans.....J. W.
69	Howard.....	I. Lichtbach.....W. M.
70	Central.....	{ C. L. Meroney .....W. M. E. S. Lyman.....S. W.
71	Dadeville	{ R. T. Ward.....W. M. Wm. C. Roeck*.....S. W.
72	Widow's Son.....	G. A. Barge.....W. M.
74	Solomon.....	W. C. Bledsoe.....W. M.
75	Cokerville.....	Thomas D. Forte.....S. W. (C. A. Carey.....W. M.
76	Auburn.....	{ A. McB. Ransom.....S. W. R. S. Mackintosh.....J. W.
78	Crozier.....	Ulysses G. Hudson.....W. M.
79	Fredonia.....	J. T. Fuller.....S. W.

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80 Wilcox.....	W. W. McConnico.....	W. M.
81 St. Stephens.....	M. E. Kimbrough*.....	W. M.
83 Friendship.....	J. N. C. Brown.....	W. M.
	J. M. Mundine.....	S. W.
	M. L. Cleveland*.....	J. W.
89 Prattville	G. C. Spigner.....	W. M.
	W. L. Ellis*.....	S. W.
	Wm. M. Anthony*.....	J. W.
90 Pfister	W. K. Chapman.....	W. M.
	J. E. Searcy.....	W. M.
91 Henry.....	P. A. McDaniel*.....	S. W.
	L. S. Nichols*.....	J. W.
93 Sawyer.....	W. C. S. Robertson.....	S. W.
95 Danville	R. L. Penn.....	W. M.
	M. T. Roden.....	J. W.
97 Lozahatchee	O. L. Stewart	W. M.
	H. G. Earnest*.....	S. W.
98 Fulton	R. L. Sutton.....	W. M.
99 Salem.....	J. K. Ambrose.....	W. M.
101 Hartwell.....	B. Dudley Williams.....	W. M.
104 Good Samaritan.....	F. A. Clark	S. W.
	M. E. Phillips.....	J. W.
106 Hermon.....	Philip Willingham.....	W. M.
112 Dean.....	William D. Hart	W. M.
	F. L. Tatorm*.....	S. W.
120 Camp Hill.....	J. M. Boon.....	W. M.
	J. W. Pinnell.....	S. W.
	A. N. Robinson	W. M.
122 Coffeeville	J. R. Cowan.....	S. M.
	J. O Cowan*.....	J. W.
127 Bolivar.....	G. W. Foster	W. M.
	W. R. Bogart*.....	J. W.
129 Geneva	W. D Campbell*.....	S. W.
	D. T. Green*.....	W. M.
134 Wiley.....	M. F. McLendon*.....	S. W.
	J. L. Green*.....	J. W.
135 Columbia	W. L. Lee.....	W. M.
	C. L. C. Atkeson*.....	S. W.
136 Unity.....	A. B. Curtis.....	S. W.
	J. W. Gibson*.....	J. W.
137 Rockford	W. R. Miller*.....	W. M.
	S. M. Carlton.....	S. W.
	Frank Selman*.....	J. W.
140 Shelby	T. J. Weaver*.....	S. W.
	J. B. Leeroy*.....	J. W.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

145	Fraternity.....	J. D. Faust.....	W. M.
146	Missouri	W. R. Arrington.....	W. M.
148	Coldwater.....	J. M. Davenport.....	W. M.
149	Chambers.....	{ W. J. Slay	W. M.
		{ J. D. Sessions	S. W.
151	Bladon Springs.....	Harry A Powe.....	W. M.
153	Monroeville.....	{ T. M. McMillan.....	W. M.
		{ Q Salter*.....	J. W.
154	Nixburg	{ Lofton Thomas*.....	W. M.
		{ S. A. Thomas*.....	S. W.
155	Eastaboga.....	B. W. Nunis.....	W. M.
		{ D. B. Dismukes*.....	W. M.
161	Penick.....	{ M. L. Fielder.....	S. W.
		{ L. E. Holly*.....	J. W.
162	Hendrix.....	Samuel G. Todd*.....	W. M.
163	Fayetteville Authentic..	Thos. A. Ogletree.....	S. W.
168	Mount Hope.....	R. T. Wear.....	W. M.
		{ A. V. Buck.....	W. M.
170	Elba	{ J. M. Dubose.....	S. W.
		{ J. S. Windham*.....	J. W.
171	Ariton	Joseph E. Barnes.....	W. M.
172	Fellowship.....	{ M. A. Estes*.....	S. W.
		{ H. J. Harper.....	J. W.
173	Andrew Jackson....	{ Philip McRae	W. M.
		{ Robert S. Teague*	S. W.
		{ F. C. Baugh	J. W.
		{ L. J. Williams	W. M.
177	Orion	{ C. C. Roling*	S. W.
		{ J. L. Turner*	J. W.
180	Mt. Hilliard	J. T. Sims, Sr.*	W. M.
		{ R. C. Dickinson.....	W. M.
184	Brundidge	{ J. L. Dickinson.....	S. W.
		{ G. B. Fryer.....	J. W.
185	Mt. Eagle.....	{ Rich'd R. Slaughter.....	W. M.
		{ J. R. Peters.....	S. W.
186	Ashville	N. A. Hood	W. M.
187	Landmark	H. S. Thornton	J. W.
188	Clintonville	{ John L. Snider.....	W. M.
		{ J. H. Hundley.....	S. W.
189	Delta	T. R. Lenoir.....	W. M.
		{ W. H. Milner.....	W. M.
192	Chattahoochee	{ J. B. Ogletree*	S. W.
		{ R. J. Williams.....	J. W.
198	Hopewell	F. L. Rutland*.....	W. M.

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187	Hillabee	{ George W. McElhiney.. W. M. Joseph S. Forbes*.....S. W.
198	Caledonia	T. B. GranberryW. M.
199	Kilgee.....	{ J. T. Carroll.....W. M. D. C. Kent.....S. W.
200	Sylacauga.....	D. A. Parker.....W. M.
201	Lapine.....	{ F. M. T. Tankersley*...W. M. M. H. Bradley*.....S. W.
		Thomas E. Rushing....W. M.
204	Pike Road.....	{ Frank Barnett*.....S. W. W. M. Morrison*.....J. W.
209	Marshall	O. D. Street* .....J. W.
211	York.....	T. P. Lamkin*.....W. M.
212	Putnam.....	James P. Williams*....J. W.
214	Carrollton	M. B. Curry.....W. M.
218	Sam Dixon	B. R. Blair.....W. M.
219	Lineville.....	W. Holdridge.....W. M.
222	Western Star.....	Lewis A. Sturdivant ...W. M.
223	Mt. Carmel.....	H. R. Howard.....W. M.
224	Newton	W. H. Yarbrough....W. M.
225	Louisville	Adam A. Capel.....W. M.
226	Santa Fe	C. P. Loranz.....J. W.
227	James Penn.....	{ Thos. R. Horne.....W. M. W. G. Gaston.....* S. W.
228	Dallas	S. B. Gaston.....W. M.
230	Bexar.....	G. A. Lewis* .....W. M.
231	Duck Spring.....	W. T. Chumley*.....W. M.
233	Sepulga.....	{ T. A. Jones .....W. M. G. W. Nixon.....S. W.
236	Gadsden	{ J. A. Bilbro*.....W. M. N. A. Hamnan*.....J. W.
238	Fairmount	{ Jacob Johnston. ....W. M. John N. Simes*.....S. W.
240	Bowen	{ John M. James*.....J. W. Charles Welch*.....W. M.
242	Coosa	{ E. S. Smith.....W. M. A. K. Whetstone.....S. W.
		{ P. P. Lewis .....J. W.
243	Ramer.....	N. H. McCrummen ....W. M.
245	John Payne.....	M. R. Seay.....W. M.
246	Harrison.....	{ Richard D Windham...W. M. W. H. Tew.....S. W.
247	Seddon.....	J. T. Brown.....W. M.
248	Lawrence	L. L. McGee*.....W. M

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

250 Amand.....	{ J. S. Jones..... W. M. J. M. Curlee*..... S. W. T. N. Howard*..... J. W.
251 Honoraville.....	{ S. M. Crowell..... W. M. J. L. Bozeman..... S. W.
253 Rose Hill.....	{ S. A. Howell*..... W. M. R. L. Bryant*..... S. W. D. S. Henderson..... J. W.
254 Quitman.....	{ E. P. Rigsby..... W. M. D. A. Rhodes..... S. W.
256 Gaylesville.....	Arthur C. Shamblin*.... J. W.
257 Ervin.....	{ N. P. Grace*..... W. M. W. A. Inman..... S. W. E. L. Laukford..... J. W.
261 Talladega.....	{ Louis J. Wright*..... W. M. Theo. W. Bethea*..... S. W. J. E. Michael*..... J. W.
266 Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Montgomery..... S. W.
270 Forest Home.....	{ J. D. Poole..... W. M. J. W. Luckie*..... S. W.
271 Pea River	{ S. H. Nolin S. W. J. H. Nolin*..... J. W.
276 Bullock.....	{ G. H. Thigpen*..... W. M. G. B. Tisdale*..... S. W. B. F. Colquett*..... J. W.
280 Springville	B. M. Hill*..... W. M.
281 Charles Baskerville.....	Geo. W. Coggins..... W. M.
285 Georgiana	{ Robert S. Pilley*..... W. M. W. E. Morris..... J. W.
287 Clinton	C. W. Mizell..... W. M.
290 Gillespie.....	Freeman S. Jenkins..... W. M.
301 Norris.....	{ J. B. O'Bannon..... W. M. O. F. Luttrell*..... S. W. W. D. Sowell*..... J. W.
304 Winfield	{ T. V. Hill..... W. M. J. H. Couch*..... S. W.
305 Central City	{ I. Bloch*..... W. M. J. C. Adler..... S. W. J. T. Knowlen*..... J. W.
320 Warrenton.....	W. E. Gibson..... W. M.
321 Bear Creek.....	{ Albert N. Wamsley*..... W. M. Fernando H. Smallwood*..... S. W.
323 Holly Grove.....	J. N. Walker..... W. M.
331 Charity.....	O. P. Mead..... W. M.

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331	Oliver	{ Norman Gunn.....W. M. J. A. Gilmore*.....S. W. W. W. Hunt.....J. W.
338	Georgiana Davis.....	E. B. Sims* S. W.
340	Clear Creek.....	{ W. M. Barton.....W. M. William L. Long*.....S. W.
344	Hamilton	{ A. H. Powell W. M. J. T. Johnon.....S. W. N. Sauderson.....J. W.
345	Echo.....	{ C. E. Howell.....W. M. J. J. Ard.....J. W.
346	Hurtsboro	W. B. Perry.....J. W.
349	Ozark.....	{ L. W. Kolb.....W. M. J. M. Carmichael*.....S. W.
351	Wilson Williams.....	{ M. A. Garrett* W. M. E. A. Hardin.....S. W.
354	Heaton	J. W. Thomason.....W. M.
356	Ashland	{ G. W. Mackey.....W. M. E. J. Garrison.....J. W.
357	Rutledge.....	John W. Beall.....W. M.
358	Barbour.....	H. T. Burks.....W. M.
360	Newtonville.....	J. A. Thornton.....W. M.
369	Athelstan.....	{ Elliott G. Rickarby* .. W. M. M. T. Sprague.....J. W.
375	Gainsville.....	W. J. Monette*.....W. M.
377	Lake City.....	{ J. R. Shepherd.....W. M. L. H. Brasell.....S. W. D. C. Allen*.....J. W.
378	Weogufka	{ C. M. Martin.....W. M. J. T. Nelson.....S. W. W. I. Rayfield.....J. W.
379	Robert E. Lee.....	H. E. Melton.....S. W.
380	Ohatchee	J. H. Martin* W. M.
381	E. H. Cook.....	B. F. Marshall*.....W. M.
383	Attalla	{ John P. Stewart.....W. M. J. W. Penn*.....S. W.
384	Birmingham Fraternal..	{ John B. Bethea.....W. M. W. W. Ransom*.....S. W. W. B. Copeland.....J. W.
390	Weathers	{ J. J. McCrary.....W. M. E. A. West.....J. W.
391	North Border.....	{ Mack Robert Wilkinson.W. M. B. C. Christopher.....S. W.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

392	Hickory Flat.....	N. L. Littlefield*	W. M.
393	Blount Springs.....	M. T. Richards.....	W. M.
394	Valley Head.....	W. T. Fuller.....	W. M.
307	Black Oak.	Simon A. Stewart.....	W. M.
398	Hartselle.....	{ D. W. Day.....	W. M.
		{ C. J. Walker*.....	S. W.
399	Haw Ridge	D. L. Cain.....	S. W.
408	Doric.	{ Walter C. Duke*.....	S. W.
		{ A. W. Herren*.....	J. W.
		{ H. I. Goff.....	W. M.
409	Hartford.....	{ J. B. Daughtry.....	S. W.
		{ Lee Rivenbark.....	J. W.
410	Helena.....	R. V. Ray*.....	W. M.
		{ L. H. Reynolds.....	W. M.
411	Jemison.....	{ Alex Glasscock*.....	S. W.
		{ W. R. Jackson*.....	J. W.
412	Amberson.	Jas. D. Amberson.....	W. M.
415	Oak Level.....	{ W. C. Gray.....	W. M.
		{ J. E. Grimes.....	J. W.
416	Williamsburg	J. G. Burgin.....	W. M.
417	George Smith.....	J. H. Snow.....	J. W.
419	Hilton	{ J. T. Ryan	S. W.
		{ Thomas G. Estes.....	J. W.
420	Broomtown	Henry E. Weaver*.....	J. W.
422	Shorterville	H. C. Holmes.	J. W.
423	Clanton	J. W. Stanfield*.....	W. M.
425	Temple	W. H. May*.....	W. M.
429	Milo Abercrombie.....	{ J. S. Lightfoot.....	W. M.
		{ J. B. Letcher.....	S. W.
430	Albertville	{ W. M. Coleman*.....	W. M.
		{ John C. Coleman.....	S. W.
432	Steel's Station.....	J. A. Gallant.....	W. M.
434	Andalusia.....	{ L. J. Salter*.....	W. M.
		{ Richard H. Jones.....	S. W.
		{ W. C. Randolph.....	J. W.
435	Ware	R. B. Little*	W. M.
437	Fort Payne.....	Luke P. Hunt.....	J. W.
438	Headland.	{ W. H. Stephenson*....	W. M.
		{ J. I. Hodges.....	S. W.
		{ J. G. Money.....	J. W.
439	Mt. Vernon.....	{ B. F. Roe.....	W. M.
		{ W. F. Willimon*.....	S. W.
		{ H. C. Langston.....	J. W.
440	Forney	T. B. Jones.....	W. M.

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443	Anniston	{ Samuel W. Tate.....	W. M.
445	Calera	{ James T. Greene*....	S. W.
446	Leeds.....	W. H. Moss*.....	W. M.
447	Taylor	{ A. J. Farley.....	W. M.
448	Coalburg.....	{ R. P. Taylor*.....	S. W.
450	Florida	I. Hinson.....	W. M.
452	Dolomite.....	{ C. M. Tillen*.....	W. M.
453	Gibson.....	{ R. R. Young.....	J. W.
454	Lee	{ Thos. S. Page.....	W. M.
		{ R. F. Lovelady*.....	S. W.
		{ J. T. Massengale.....	J. W.
455	Beulah.....	H. H. Waldrop.....	W. M.
456	Sam Thompson.....	W. M. Cunningham....	W. M.
457	Harris	J. B. Lyons*.....	W. M.
458	Bessemer	{ W. D. Lynn.....	W. M.
		{ S. G. Gibson.....	S. W.
		{ J. L. Yarbrough*.....	J. W.
459	Hardy Howle.....	{ Allen P. James.....	W. M.
		{ I. R. Ressinger.....	S. W.
460	King Solomon.....	W. C. Howton.....	W. M.
461	Ben Sims.....	{ Saml. Stein*.....	W. M.
463	Addison.....	{ Andrew C. Mitchell....	J. W.
464	Haleyville.....	A. K. Brooks.....	W. M.
465	Oakman.....	{ Jno. J. Wirth.....	W. M.
		{ H. H. Peevey*.....	S. W.
		{ J. D. Matlock.....	J. W.
466	Dothan	L. F. Clayton*....	W. M.
467	Kennedy	G. B. Lester*.....	W. M.
468	Bethany	J. C. Taylor.....	W. M.
469	Enterprise.....	Murray Cannon.....	W. M.
470	Hoke's Bluff.....	S. H. Moore.....	S. W.
471	Mt. Willing.....	A. L. Brown.....	J. W.
		O. M. Murphy.....	W. M.
		C. W. Hatcher.....	S. W.
		B. O. Hay.....	J. W.
472	Baileyton	J. G. Hamby*.....	W. M.
473	Stanton	Preston McIntyre*....	W. M.
		W. B. Kyle.....	S. W.
		F. P. Landers.....	W. M.
		Walter J. Coker.....	W. M.
		E. D. Coleman.....	S. W.
		W. E. Lee.....	J. W.
		J. T. Winn.....	W. M.
		C. S. Biggers	S. W.
		W. J. Ruddick.....	W. M.

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474	Blocton	W. A. Harvey*	W. M.
475	Deatsville	J. H. Luther	S. W.
476	Avondale	Geo. Whitfield, Jr*	W. M.
		Joseph Brower*	S. W.
477	Renfroe	W. B. Dupree	W. M.
		E. J. Hallman*	S. W.
		Marion H. Simms*	J. W.
478	Guin	J. D. Gann	W. M.
		G. W. Newman	W. M.
479	Rock Spring	W. S. Newman	S. W.
		G. W. Tantom	J. W.
480	East Lake	O. B. Newman	S. W.
		M. L. Davidson	J. W.
481	Locust Fork	L. C. Blakeney	W. M.
		A. M. Guin*	S. W.
484	Lebanon	T. J. Brown	W. M.
		L. Heard	S. W.
485	Monroe	Robert W. McCants	W. M.
486	Cedar Bluff	J. A. Ellis	W. M.
		James K. Kyser	W. M.
489	Burnt Corn	H. C. Fountain*	S. W.
		D. H. Lee*	J. W.
490	Mahan	W. M. Wade*	W. M.
491	New Decatur	Ike Sheer	W. M.
		J. A. Thornton*	S. W.
492	W. J. lam	J. H. Edwards*	W. M.
493	Ashford	W. H. Fillingim	W. M.
495	Mt. Pinson	Tobias Zopf	W. M.
		I. B. Acton	S. W.
497	Sunny South	S. L. Strickland	W. M.
498	Bay Minette	W. A. Johnson	W. M.
499	Cleveland	John M. Morton	W. M.
500	Logan	J. A. Vickery	W. M.
502	Caldwell	A. L. Black	S. W.
		S. M. C. Howell	W. M.
505	Midland City	J. W. Daniel	S. W.
506	Irondale	L. E. Newman	S. W.
507	George Morrow	E. M. Cowden*	W. M.
508	Mt. Signal	Wm. J. Brittain	W. M.
		Daniel W. Gilmer	S. W.
509	Brookwood	T. Lavender	W. M.
		W. H. Spruell	S. W.
510	Wilsonville	Wm. Tinney*	W. M.
		W. J. Tinney	S. W.

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511	Johns.....	{ S. H. Strickland	W. M.
		{ R. S. Bass*.....	S. W.
512	Cunningham.....	W. J. McMurran.....	W. M.
514	Cottonwood	W. I. Ham*.....	W. M.
515	Jas. D. Truss.....	W. J. Walker.....	W. M.
516	Magnolia.....	{ W. L. Waller*	W. M.
		{ W. L. Mitchum.....	J. W.
518	Davis.....	M. H. Dodd.....	W. M.
519	Hewitt.....	{ J. A. Moncrief*.....	W. M.
		{ T. B. McAnally*.....	S. W.
523	Almond.	W. O. McGill.....	S. W.
524	Berry.....	G. W. Julian*.....	W. M.
525	Woodlawn Fraternal....	P. E. Daniel*	W. M.
526	Hackleburg	{ L. M. Raburn.....	W. M.
		{ J. T. Hudson.....	S. W.
527	Middleton.....	Chas. P. Nunnelly*	S. W.
529	Browns X Roads	{ W. P. Causy.....	W. M.
		{ M. C. Stephenson.....	S. W.
531	Muscadine	I. N. Mitnick	S. W.
532	Sulligent.....	{ R. J. Young.....	W. M.
		{ Robert J. Redden*	S. W.
534	Bozeman.....	Q. C. Meroney.....	W. M.
535	Bangor	D. L. Duncan.....	W. M.
536	Spring Hill.....	{ W. M. Bundy.....	W. M.
		{ T. R. Searcy*.....	S. W.
		{ J. M. Lassiter.....	J. W.
537	Enon	{ J. W. Hadley.....	W. M.
		{ A. White.....	J. W.
540	Searight	{ J. H. Clark.....	W. M.
		{ L. Parker*.....	J. W.
541	Mt. Union	{ N. T. Aarons.....	S. W.
		{ P. S. McKinley*.....	J. W.
542	Mt. Zion.....	J. H. Kitchens*	W. M.
543	Bridgeport	A. J. Wimberly	J. W.
544	H. Clay Armstrong.....	{ M. W. Cravey.....	W. M.
		{ Thos. J. Prim*.....	S. W.
545	H. C. Tompkins	Evans Hinson*	W. M.
548	Carmichael.....	{ W. J. Mitchell	S. W.
		{ J. A. Kent	J. W.
549	Carney.....	{ J. E. McCoy.....	W. M.
		{ J. W. Baker, Jr	S. W.
		{ D. J. Baggett.....	J. W.
551	Fruithurst.....	S. L. B. Blache.....	S. W.

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553	Asbury	{ E. M. Snell	W. M.
			{ W. P. Lewis.....	S. W.
			{ J. W. Snell	J. W.
			{ J. G. Land.....	W. M.
554	Crane Hill	{ W. M. Samford*.....	S. W.
			{ G. J. Land*.....	J. W.
556	Coal City	.....	{ R. C. Harris.....	S. W.
559	Cordova	.....	{ R. A. Whatley.....	W. M.
			{ W. M. Stokes.....	S. W.
560	Ensley	.....	{ Fred. G. Moore.....	S. W.
562	Vinemont	.....	{ Thos. J. Burks.....	W. M.
563	Isney	.....	{ H. M. Mason.....	W. M.
			{ L. D. Elrod	W. M.
564	Gordo	.....	{ A. M. Connell*.....	S. W.
			{ J. M. Pritchett*	J. W.
565	Section	.....	{ Hugh C. Russell*	W. M.
566	Clio	.....	{ Wm. A. Arnold.....	W. M.
			{ C. H. Jones	S. W.
567	Century	.....	{ J. S. Bane*.....	W. M.
569	Anna Norton	.....	{ T. J. McDowell*.....	J. W.
570	Fresco	.....	{ J. M. Falkner.....	W. M.
			{ W. J. Steel.....	W. M.
571	Proctor	.....	{ G. T. Guy.....	S. W.
			{ J. W. Hull*.....	J. W.
572	Patton	.....	{ John E. Kilgore.....	J. W.
575	Repton	.....	{ D. S. Watson.....	W. M.
			{ C. T. Livingston*.....	J. W.
577	Jenifer	.....	{ D. B. Harris.....	S. W.
579	Herbert	.....	{ D. G. McSpadden	W. M.
			{ J. W. Tatumn*	S. W.
			{ R. T. Holland.....	W. M.
580	Downing	.....	{ J. B. Beard.....	S. W.
			{ C. V. Stubbs.....	J. W.
581	Reuben	.....	{ C. B. Martin*.....	W. M.
			{ W. H. Caraway.....	W. M.
582	Blue Springs	.....	{ I. J. Livingston.....	S. W.
			{ J. S. Helms*.....	J. W.
583	Cedar Bend	.....	{ J. R. Lister	S. W.
			{ D. L. Fuhrman.....	J. W.
584	Wilson Shealy	.....	{ John J. Pinnell.....	W. M.
			{ Paul Hoffman*.....	S. W.
			{ Barnett Hall*.....	J. W.
587	Franklin	{ E. D. Adams.....	W. M.
588	Prince	{ J. P. Melvin.....	W. M.
			{ J. F. Jenkins*.....	S. W.
			{ M. M. Kuffner*.....	J. W.

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589	Gantt	W. D. Riley*.....	W. M.
590	Chavies.....	G. R. Horton	W. M.
591	North Birmingham.....	John F. Knight.....	W. M.
593	Blacksher.....	{ D. C. Mims.....	W. M.
		{ J. R. Mims*.....	S. W.
595	Brighton.....	D. W. Farr.....	S. W.
596	Dolcito	Jno. J. Yancey.....	W. M.
597	Coffee Springs.....	{ O. E. Lay.....	W. M.
		{ T. W. Dollar*.....	S. W.
598	Greeno.....	H. S. Greeno.....	W. M.
		{ J. A. Killingsworth....	W. M.
599	Slocomb.....	{ C. P. Rice*	S. W.
		{ P. E. Greer*.....	J. W.
600	M. A. Wood.....	{ John H. Hollis.....	W. M.
		{ W. W. Blackwell.....	S. W.
601	Brilliant	{ Ira L. Hughes.....	S. W.
		{ Jas. W. Enis.....	J. W.
602	Arley	C. E. Farley.....	W. M.
603	Adamsville.....	J. H. Burton.....	J. W.
604	Healing Springs.....	J. E. McLemore	W. M.
605	Opp.....	{ J. A. Whaley, Jr.....	W. M.
		{ J. W. Powell.....	S. W.
606	Olive	Hogan Jackson.....	S. W.
607	Bentley	{ B. S. Davis.....	S. W.
		{ D. G. Smith.....	J. W.
609	Stokes	{ H. G. Baggett.....	W. M.
		{ D. D. Miles*.....	S. W.
		{ G. T. Coxwell*.....	J. W.
610	Black Creek.....	Howard J. Sankey.....	S. W.
612	W. T. Underwood.....	Oscar D. Neighbors....	W. M.
614	Lewis	C. P. Branan.....	W. M.
615	Abernethy.....	{ W. L. Abernethy.....	W. M.
		{ E. D. Whatley*.....	S. W.
		{ T. M. Smith.....	J. W.
616	Perryville.....	{ R. L. Potts.....	S. W.
		{ J. T. Fuller*.....	J. W.
617	Oak Grove	D. F. Staggs.....	W. M.
619	Travis L. Bedsole.....	J. A. Snodgrass*.....	W. M.
621	Fruitdale	J. C. Snively.....	W. M.
622	Ironaton	R. J. Fulbright.....	S. W.
623	Robert J. Redden.....	{ J. E. West.....	S. W.
		{ J. B. Sessions*.....	J. W.
		{ Z. R. Fuller.....	W. M.
624	Lawson	{ J. H. White.....	S. W.
		{ Wm. R. H. Preachers....	J. W.

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625	Lehigh.....	S. T. Shepherd.....	J. W.
626	Dry Creek	M. Z. Posey.....	W. M.
627	Charles Haynes	Louis Myer.....	W. M.
629	McCormack.....	{ Wm. Askew.....	W. M.
		{ T. J. Cole.....	J. W.
630	Luverne.....	M. W. Rushton.....	W. M.
631	Hacoda.....	B. S. Adams.....	W. M.
632	Franconia.....	J. D. Hines.....	W. M.
633	Huffman.....	{ T. O. Jones.....	W. M.
		{ T. W. Franklin.....	S. W.
634	Motley	{ J. L. Hood.....	W. M.
		{ A. D. Thompson*.....	S. W.
636	Birmingham Temple ...	{ Walter K. McAdory.....	W. M.
		{ S. J. Erckerl*.....	S. W.
		{ F. A. Hewitt, Jr.....	J. W.
638	James Mills.....	{ James Mills, Jr.....	W. M.
		{ R. M. Cornelius*.....	S. W.
		{ M. R. Cornelius.....	J. W.
639	Sam Gibbons.....	James F. Posey*.....	W. M.
650	Sayre	John W. Sellers.....	W. M.
641	Angus M. Scott.....	L. H. Jackson.....	S. W.
642	Waterloo.....	James A. Watson.....	W. M.
643	Ben M. Jacobs.....	Austin E. Ledyard.....	W. M.
644	Fairview.....	Wm. T. Hutto.....	W. M.
645	Glenwood.....	{ F. L. Zimmermann.....	W. M.
		{ W. P. Clark.....	S. W.
		{ J. D. Warrick.....	J. W.
646	Abernant	R. H. McGhee.....	W. M.
647	Nix	James H. Nix.....	W. M.
648	Webb	D. W. Smith.....	W. M.
649	Black Rock.....	{ Jesse W. Thomas.....	W. M.
		{ Wm. A. Rodgers*.....	J. W.
650	Arkadelphia.....	{ S. M. Williams*.....	W. M.
		{ A. A. Rollo*.....	S. W.
		{ J. H. Lowery*.....	J. W.
651	Lamar	J. D. Burson.....	W. M.
652	Ranburn	Thos. J. Thomason.....	W. M.
653	Celestia	{ W. J. Dennis.....	W. M.
		{ J. A. Nunnellee.....	S. W.
		{ F. M. Broach.....	J. W.
654	Dement	Ira Dement*.....	W. M.
655	Lanett	G. R. Micou*.....	W. M.
657	Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	G. A. Turner	W. M.
658	Whiton.....	R. L. Thomas.....	W. M.

		M. E. Bethea*	W. M.
669	Pythagoras.....	Henry Green*	S. W.
		W. J. Renfroe*	J. W.
680	Mount Ida.....	S. E. Mount.....	W. M.
682	Wm. H. Dingley.....	A. M. Scott.....	W. M.
		J. D. Hay.....	S. W.

The M.. W.. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the R.. W.. Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

Prayer by the R.. W.. and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

DEPUTY AND ACTING GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The R.. W.. Deputy and Acting Grand Master delivered his Annual Address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

The cycle of time has brought another annual reunion, at which we review the work and mark the progress of our Fraternity during the past year; when for a few days we leave the farm and factory, the counting house and office, and mingle here in friendly intercourse, and after fraternal discussion, formulate plans and pledge ourselves anew to furthering the Divine mission of our Order, the moral elevation of ourselves, and the betterment of the world.

We should ever bear in mind that Masonry is no association of mere mystic dreamers, no aggregation of selfish individuals, banded together for social amusement, but a great society which, under God's providence, has a duty to perform in the regeneration of the human race, and these annual communications should be an inspiration to "higher thoughts, nobler actions and grander achievements", that we may attain the glorious destiny marked out for us.

At the very inception of our labors, in the midst of our fraternal greetings, we can but pause in mournful remembrance of that sad visitation of Providence that has removed from our midst the honored Head of the Craft in this State. We miss the

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manly form and kindly face of him, whose life exemplified the principles of Masonry and whose language and conduct emphasized and enforced its precepts. Soon after our last communication of the Grand Lodge, the hand of affliction rendered him unable to perform those duties you had imposed upon him, and by direction of law I was compelled to assume and discharge the functions of the office. How keenly I felt the responsibility no one but myself can ever know; how well I have performed the task, I leave to you to judge. Whatever that verdict may be, you must know that all my acts have been guided and controlled by the undying principles of our Fraternity, that I have only been animated by the desire to preserve the ancient landmarks, to disseminate and perpetuate its teachings, keeping an eye single to the upbuilding of that harmony and fraternal feeling that should be the distinguishing characteristic of every true Mason.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW LODGES.

The past year has been one of unparalleled prosperity and of unprecedented growth to our Fraternity in this Jurisdiction. Never before have so many new Lodges been organized in any one year. During my term I have issued dispensations for the organization of twenty seven new Lodges, in addition to the dispensation for the reorganization of a Lodge. At the same time, there has been an increase in our membership of approximately two thousand. This is a source of gratification to those of our Craft who have the good of Masonry at heart. But, above all, I hope the brethren have guarded well the portals of their Lodges. It is far better to consider the quality than the quantity of our building material, for if we fail to dwell together in peace, harmony and brotherly love, or where the slightest discord arises, such subordinate lodge fails in its usefulness and will most certainly result in bringing discredit upon the Fraternity in its community. The interest of a subordinate lodge is possibly best promoted, while it grows slowly, so that the material can be selected after a most careful examination and judged to be free from defects. Numerical strength is of very little importance; it is the distinctive quality and the best of reputation of its membership that constitutes the successful Lodge.

Dispensations have been granted for the formation of new Lodges, as follows:

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On January 18th, 1906, to Brothers James Mills, Jr., William H. Johnson, Marion Cornelius, James F. Williams, Manley Cornelius, Samuel Ellis Hodge, Andrew Jackson Johnson, John D. Hamner and John D. Hamner, Jr., to form and organize a Lodge at Elrod, Tuscaloosa county, to be known as James Mills Lodge No. 638. I appointed James Mills, Jr., to be the Master of said Lodge, William H. Johnson to be the Senior Warden and Marion Cornelius to be the Junior Warden.

On January 22, 1906, to Brothers Elliott Epinetus Estes, Joseph L. Hand, Francis Marion Chapman, William W. Chavers, Thomas Roper Goodson, James A. Cannon, James Madison Grey, James F. Posey, John F. Holland, Thomas Chapman and Benjamin F. Ross, to form and organize a Lodge at Posey, Autauga county, to be known as Sam Gibbons Lodge No. 639. I appointed Elliott E. Estes to be the Master of said Lodge, Joseph L. Hand to be the Senior Warden and Francis M. Chapman to be the Junior Warden.

On March 5th, 1906, to Brothers John W. Sellers, William Stephens, Columbus A. Robbins, Isaac M. Lawler, James M. Mason, George C. Pless, James A. Owens, Abisha Wilson, Joseph M. Click, and Benjamin Stansell, to form and organize a Lodge at Sayre, Jefferson county, to be known as Sayre Lodge No. 640. I appointed John W. Sellers to be the Master of said Lodge, William Stephens to be the Senior Warden and Columbus A. Robbins to be the Junior Warden.

On March 13, 1906, to Brothers Thomas J. Burton, Louis H. Jackson, Alpheus A. Hurst, James J. Greer, Birds Garrett, William A. Brown, Rhessa T. Reid and James H. Johnson, to form and organize a Lodge at Edwardsville, Cleburne county, to be known as Scott Lodge No. 641. I appointed Thomas J. Burton to be the Master of said Lodge, Louis H. Jackson to be the Senior Warden and Alpheus A. Hurst to be the Junior Warden.

On March 28, 1906, to Brothers James Alexander Watson, John William Lee, Whitton Smith, Ben Price Sinclair, Robert Henry Haynes, John Jackson Adams and James Wiley Bell, to form and organize a Lodge at Waterloo, Lauderdale county, to be known as Waterloo Lodge No. 642. I appointed James A. Watson to be the Master of said Lodge, John W. Lee to be the Senior Warden and Whitton Smith to be the Junior Warden.

On March 29, 1906, to Brothers Austin E. Ledyard, Thomas Mungall, Sumter Cogswell, Mason C. Seaborn, Henry C. Dumas,

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William E. Seaborn and Irving H. Davis, to form and organize a Lodge at Pell City, St. Clair county, to be known as Ben M. Jacobs Lodge No. 643. I appointed Austin E. Ledyard to be the Master of said Lodge, Thomas Mungall to be the Senior Warden and Sumter Cogswell to be the Junior Warden.

On March 29, 1906, to Brothers William T. Hutto, William B. Vickers, Haywood Nixon, Charles P. Goodgame, Robert W. Bremner, Walter H. Holliday, John S. Follett, Andrew J. Sims and John W. Clayton, to form and organize a Lodge at Oceola, Jefferson county, to be known as Fairview Lodge No. 644. I appointed William T. Hutto to be the Master of said Lodge, William B. Vickers to be the Senior Warden and Haywood Nixon to be the Junior Warden.

On May 12, 1906, to Brothers Franklin L. Zimmermann, William T. Clark, James D. Warrick, George W. Greene, John H. Nixon, Walter S. Copeland, John A. Jones, William M. Greene, George A. Albritton, Eston B. Barrs and Thomas J. Logan, to form and organize a Lodge at Glenwood, Crenshaw county, to be known as Glenwood Lodge No. 645. I appointed Franklin L. Zimmermann to be the Master of said Lodge, William P. Clark to be the Senior Warden and James D. Warrick to be the Junior Warden.

On June 9, 1906, to Brothers Robert H. McGhee, David A. Houton, John T. Gilbert, James D. Falks, Perry A. Jones, Alexander Dunlap, James D. Patton and William Oglesby, to form and organize a Lodge at Abernant, Tuscaloosa county, to be known as Abernant Lodge No. 646. I appointed Robert H. McGhee to be the Master of said Lodge, David A. Houton to be the Senior Warden and John T. Gilbert to be the Junior Warden.

On June 11, 1906, to Brothers J. Hiram Nix, James Mize, John W. Huckaby, Amos Lindley, T. M. Lindley, Isaac A. Mize, W. H. Upchurch, Thomas M. Foster and William J. Foster, to form and organize a Lodge at Milner, Randolph county, to be known as Nix Lodge No. 647. I appointed J. Hiram Nix to be the Master of said Lodge, James Mize to be the Senior Warden and John W. Huckaby to be the Junior Warden.

On July 5, 1906, to Brothers Drury W. Smith, George L. Smith, Benjamin H. Whitten, Benjamin F. Webb, Jacob S. Beverett, Alto L. Beverett, Joseph A. Strickland, John Barefield, William W. Snead, and William H. Hayes, to form and

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organize a Lodge at Webb, Houston county, to be known as Webb Lodge No. 648. I appointed Drury W. Smith to be the Master of said Lodge, George L. Smith to be the Senior Warden and Benjamin H. Whitten to be the Junior Warden

On July 13, 1906, to Brothers Jesse W. Thomas, John W. Pearce, Theophilus W. Dobbs, William A. Barrington, John W. Phelps, Irby W. E Phelps, Thomas T. Dobbs, James Thomas, John W. D. Thomas, James R. Head, Lee Parkman and James Thomas, to form and organize a Lodge at Black Rock, Crenshaw county, to be known as Black Rock Lodge No. 649. I appointed Jesse W. Thomas to be the Master of said Lodge, John W. Pearce to be the Senior Warden and Theophilus W. Dobbs to be the Junior Warden.

On July 19, 1906, to Brothers David B. Thompson, James M. Best, Isaac G. Albritton, Dock Ballinger, Marquis de L. Neal, Samuel M. Williams, George W. Mauldin and Phillip Robins, to form and organize a Lodge at Arkadelphia, Cullman county, to be known as Arkadelphia Lodge No. 650 I appointed David B. Thompson to be the Master of said Lodge, James M. Best to be the Senior Warden and Isaac G. Albritton to be the Junior Warden.

On July 31, 1906, to Brothers James D. Burson, Joseph A. Ferrell, Thomas J. Daniel, George W. Traylor, John A. C. Henderson, Joseph Stevens, James H. Crouch, James L. Newell and Zara J. Johnson, to form and organize a Lodge at Lamar, Randolph county, to be known as Lamar Lodge No. 651. I appointed James D. Burson to be the Master of said Lodge, Joseph A. Ferrell to be the Senior Warden and Thomas J. Daniel to be the Junior Warden.

On August 1, 1906, to Brothers Thomas J. Thomason, J. Monroe Fletcher, Melvin F. Smith, Thomas N. Snow, William A. McCleod, Algonon S. Fletcher, and George F. McCray, to form and organize a Lodge at Ranburne, Cleburne county, to be known as Ranburne Lodge No. 652. I appointed Thomas J. Thomason to be the Master of said Lodge, J. Monroe Fletcher to be the Senior Warden and Melvin F. Smith to be the Junior Warden.

On August 8, 1906, to Brothers William J. Dennis, John A. Nunnelee, Francis M. Broach, J. Russell Thompson, Jefferson A. Dennis, John R. Caldwell, Shirod W. Shirley and Thomas G. Jeffcoat, to form and organize a Lodge at Ansley, Pike county,

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to be known as Celestia Lodge No. 653. I appointed William J. Dennis to be the Master of said Lodge, John A. Nunnalee to be the Senior Warden and Francis M. Broach to be the Junior Warden.

An August 21, 1906, to Brothers Anti Costa Watts, William Edward Guthrie, William Anderson Hamaker, Valentine Bickert, John Mathew Wilson, James McCormick, and John Franklin Gillham, to form and organize a Lodge at Lewisburg, Jefferson county, to be known as Dement Lodge No. 654. I appointed Anti Costa Watts to be the Master of said Lodge, William E. Guthrie to be the Senior Warden and William A. Hamaker to be the Junior Warden.

On August 22, 1906, to Brothers George W. Salter, Henry Robert White, Robert L. Casey, Eugene Parvin, Riley J. D. Kelly, John C. Griffin, William Williams, Leonidas B. Cohron and Joseph Earle Kelly, to form and organize a Lodge at Excel, Monroe county, to be known as Excel Lodge No. 655. I appointed George W. Salter to be the Master of said Lodge, Henry R. White to be the Senior Warden and Robert L. Casey to be the Junior Warden.

On August 25, 1906, to Brothers Paul J. McNamara, Walton W. Wallis, Thomas L. Cantrell, James E. Coburn, Reuben W. Jennings, John D. Anderson, and John W. Knowles, to form and organize a Lodge at Lanett, Chambers county, to be known as Lanett Lodge No. 656. I appointed Paul J. McNamara to be the Master of said Lodge, Walton W. Wallis to be the Senior Warden and Thomas L. Cantrell to be the Junior Warden.

On September 5, 1906, to Brothers Thomas W. Overton, B. Love Turner, John H. Hodges, Robert W. DuBose, Charles I. McElroy, Charles Lee Williams, J. Westley Whitted, Gross A. Turner, Forest Allen, Walter N. Allen and Thomas A. Littlepage, to form and organize a Lodge at Mt. Sterling, Choctaw county, to be known as George A. Beauchamp Lodge No. 657. I appointed Thomas W. Overton to be the Master of said Lodge, B. Love Turner to be the Senior Warden and John H. Hodges to be the Junior Warden.

On September 19, 1906, to Brothers Robert L. Thomas, Matthew C. Hicks, Henry W. Fossett, Terry T. Kellett, Martin W. Brock, Walter Lee Rice and John R. Slater, to form and organize a Lodge at Whiton, DeKalb county, to be known as Whiton Lodge No. 658. I appointed Robert L. Thomas to be the Master

of said Lodge, Matthew C. Hicks to be the Senior Warden and Henry W. Fossett to be the Junior Warden.

On September 19, 1906, to Brothers Duncan C. Carmichael, Morrison E. Bethea, George H. Malone, Redic W. Lisenby, Albert E. Garner, Wellborn J. Renfroe, William Thomas Jones, Thomas J. McCarty, Henry Green, William T. Hall, Albert E. Pace, Robert C. Granberry, William H. Williams, Edward M. Craig and James U. Cureton, to form and organize a Lodge at Dothan, Houston county; to be known as Pythagoras Lodge No. 659. I appointed Duncan C. Carmichael to be the Master of said Lodge, Morrison E. Bethea to be the Senior Warden and George H. Malone to be the Junior Warden.

On September 29, 1906, to Brothers Stephen E. Mount, William M. Nichols, Alvin C. Nichols, Jerry S. Walker, Orlando M. Lanier, George B. Franklin, William H. Buckalew, Robert W. Compton, Thomas E. Jordan, Joseph M. Bidiford, Job F. Nichols and Elias L. Gibson, to form and organize a Lodge at Mount Ida, Crenshaw county, to be known as Mount Ida Lodge No. 660. I appointed Stephen E. Mount to be Master of said Lodge, William M. Nichols to be the Senior Warden and Alvin C. Nichols to be the Junior Warden.

On September 29, 1906, to Brothers Andrew Jackson Wood, Arthur Embry Rogers, Walter Sneed Rogers, George Washington Granade, James Samuel Granade and Willard Lefevre Waddell, to form and organize a Lodge at Frankville, Washington county, to be known as Frankville Lodge No. 661. I appointed Andrew Jackson Wood to be the Master of said Lodge, Arthur Embry Rogers to be the Senior Warden and Walter Sneed Rogers to be the Junior Warden.

On October 12, 1906, to Brothers Angus M. Scott, John D. Hay, John A. Summerford, William D. Grant, William R. Greene, William O. Ayres, Isaac B. West, Charles F. Sporman, William P. Hardwick, William T. Jordan, Marcus T. C. Scott and Arch S. Whitton, to form and organize a Lodge at Headland, Henry county, to be known as William H. Dingley Lodge No. 662. I appointed Angus M. Scott to be the Master of said Lodge, John D. Hay to be the Senior Warden, and John A. Summerford to be the Junior Warden.

On October 26, 1906, to Brothers Joseph W. Hyatt, William W. Gregg, William F. Thompson, Daniel P. Horton, Thomas Benton Cox, Pickens Butler, Elijah P. Pesnell, Austin M. Hinds,

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and Matt A. Boyd, to form and organize a Lodge at Arab, Marshall county, to be known as Arab Lodge No. 663. I appointed Joseph W. Hyatt to be the Master of said Lodge, William W. Gregg to be the Senior Warden and William F. Thompson to be the Junior Warden.

On October 31, 1906, to Brothers Charles Hicks Cain, Daniel C. Wilkes, William L. Jones, Jesse C. Cain, Tullis R. Williamson, Preston B. Davis, Charles D. Campbell, James W. Austin, William Z. Jones and George M. Howell, to form and organize a Lodge at Chancellor, Geneva county, to be known as Chancellor Lodge No. 664. I appointed Charles Hicks Cain to be the Master of said Lodge, Daniel C. Wilkes to be the Senior Warden and William L. Jones to be the Junior Warden.

REORGANIZATION OF LODGES.

On October 3, 1906, to Brothers W. K. Chapman, E. L. Chapman, Samuel E. Chapman, J. P. McMillan, N. L. Massey, J. J. King, L. M. Wood, T. J. Boozer, and C. B. Thomas, to reorganize Pfister Lodge No. 90, said brethren having paid the amount of indebtedness that said Lodge owed to the Grand Lodge when its charter was forfeited. I appointed W. K. Chapman to be the Master of said Lodge, C. B. Thomas to be the Senior Warden and N. L. Massey to be the Junior Warden, and at the unanimous request of the petitioners permission was given them to remove said Lodge from McKinley to Thomaston.

TO CONTINUE WORK.

On December 14, 1905, I issued a certificate to Adamsville Lodge No. 803, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the dispensation of said Lodge having expired by limitation. I find that the dispensation to organize this Lodge was issued July 11, 1903 and that its dispensation was ordered continued by the Grand Lodge Dec. 7, 1904, but at the communication of the Grand Lodge held in December, 1905, no representative of the said Lodge attended the Grand Lodge and it was therefore necessary for me to order its dispensation continued for another year.

On June 4, 1906, I issued a certificate to Lewis Lodge No. 614, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the charter of said Lodge having been mislaid or lost.

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On August 2, 1906, I issued a certificate to Slocomb Lodge, No. 599, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the charter of said Lodge having been mislaid or lost.

On July 26, 1906, I issued a certificate to Tuskegee Lodge, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the charter of said Lodge having been mislaid or lost.

REMOVAL OF LODGES.

On March 7th, I granted special dispensation authorizing the removal of Stokes Lodge No. 609 from over Stokes Grist Mill, to their new Temple one mile south.

September 1st, I granted a special dispensation for the removal of Corinthian Lodge No. 462 from Shelby, to Saginaw.

October 29th, I granted a special dispensation authorizing the removal of Social Lodge No. 63, from James to Midway and James Institute, Midway, a town three miles distant.

November 17th, I granted a special dispensation for the removal of Coal City Lodge No. 556 from Coal City, to "Red Men's" Hall, one half mile distant.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

On May 2, 1906 I issued a special dispensation permitting William F. Aldrich Lodge No. 520 to consolidate with Central Lodge, No. 70, a majority of the membership of both Lodges having petitioned me to grant said dispensation. The consolidated Lodge is to bear the name of Central Lodge, No. 70.

DEDICATION OF LODGE HALLS.

On February 14th, I had the pleasure, as Deputy and Acting Grand Master, of dedicating the Masonic Temple at Birmingham. The majority of Masonic Temples are erected with the idea of receiving a revenue from rentals of ground floors for business purposes and of offices on certain floors above, but our brethren of that city are to be congratulated in having succeeded in erecting a magnificent structure, handsomely furnished, at a total expenditure for the site, Temple and furnishings exceeding \$75,000.00, constructed for the exclusive use of the various Ma-

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sonic organizations of Birmingham, and especially adapted for Masonic work. With such elegant surroundings, and the various degrees of our Fraternity conferred by experienced officers, the ceremonies cannot help but prove interesting, and the beautiful lessons inculcated, not only instructive to the candidate receiving the degrees, but also beneficial to those of our brethren who have witnessed the work on many previous occasions. The exercises were public and were witnessed by a large attendance of the very best citizens of Birmingham.

On February 23, I authorized W. Brother Angus M. Scott, Grand Lecturer, to represent me, at the Jedication of the new Masonic Hall of Marshall Lodge No. 209 A. F. & A. M., Guntersville, Ala.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

During the year I have granted a number of special dispensations to confer the degrees of Masonry, out of time, but only when I considered that the reasons presented, were for the best interests of our Fraternity. These dispensations were principally granted at the time of the holding of Masonic Conferences or during the presence of the Grand Lecturer or one of the District Grand Lecturers, for the benefit of the Craft, and at all times the number of candidates upon whom the degrees were to be conferred was limited. I have refused in very many instances, during the year, to grant dispensations to confer degrees out of time, the reasons given me, not being good and sufficient for granting the same. I cannot help but feeling that the indiscriminate granting of dispensations for the conferring of the degrees out of the statutory time, is an injustice to our Fraternity and also to the candidate, and am firmly opposed to "Rail Road-ing" the applicant through the degrees of Masonry.

TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On August 14th I issued dispensation authorizing Corinthian Lodge No. 462, to hold an election of officers, no quorum being present at the regular Communication preceding the Festival in June.

On October 19th, I granted a dispensation to Solomon Lodge No. 74, to elect officers, they having failed to have a quorum present at the regular Communication preceding the Festival in June.

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On Dec. 14, I issued a dispensation to Ariton Lodge No. 171, to elect officers and appointed Brother Angus M. Scott to consecrate, dedicate and institute the Lodge. (The Grand Lodge gave permission to Clopton Lodge No. 171 and Charlton Lodge No. 528 to consolidate under the name of Ariton Lodge No. 171, to be located at Ariton, Ala.)

On Dec 23, I issued a dispensation to Auburn Lodge No. 76, to elect officers, (the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication having restored the charter of said Lodge,) and appointed Brother John B. Lyons to set the Lodge to work and install its officers.

TO ELECT WARDENS.

On August 20th, I granted a dispensation to Johns Lodge No. 511, to elect a Senior Warden, the brother elected to this station having failed to appear for installation and having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

On September 15th, I granted a dispensation to Helena Lodge No. 410, to elect a Junior Warden, the vacancy in that station being caused by the death of the Junior Warden.

On November 8th, I granted a dispensation to Athens Lodge No 16, to elect a Senior Warden, the vacancy in that station being caused by the death of the Senior Warden.

TO SELL REAL ESTATE.

I granted special dispensation March 30th to Helion Lodge No. 1, authorizing the sale of an acre lot situated at Meridianville, for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds in Huntsville, the reasons shown me being good and sufficient.

TO MORTGAGE REAL ESTATE.

July 12th I granted a dispensation to the Trustees of Rising Virtue Lodge No. 4, acting under the authority of said Trustees to execute a mortgage for the sum of \$10,000.00 on its real estate, for the purpose of erecting a new Masonic Temple.

DISPENSATIONS—REFUSED.

During the past year I have received several requests from various sections of the State asking for dispensations to dispose of a half or part interest in Lodge buildings, to other secret or-

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ganizations, the subordinate Lodge thereby losing its exclusive control and ownership. In each instance I have invariably refused to grant this dispensation. It has been my experience, that where such joint ownership exists, that in later years there frequently arises a friction which sometimes cannot be overcome and does not wholly result to the interest of our Masonic bodies. There may be no objection to a subordinate Lodge, renting its hall to another secret order, provided it does not in any manner interfere with the arrangements or the work of the Masonic Lodge. There are occasions in some communities, where the Lodge joins with either another secret order or with one of the churches of their community, in erecting a building for their joint usage, but where it can be accomplished, it is advisable for the subordinate Lodges to erect their own building, leaving them in sole control of the same, but this is not always within the means of the brethren.

I have also refused, during the past year, to grant dispensation for the organization of a Masonic Lodge in a small community where the only available hall in the village, for the holding of the communications, was located on the floor immediately above a saloon. I was firmly of the opinion that the interests of the Fraternity would not be promoted, nor the teachings of Masonry subserved in any manner under such conditions and surroundings in a town of this size, to hold its communications in a hall thus located and I hope my action in the matter will meet with your approval.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

On April 9th I appointed M. W. Brother Russell M. Cunningham, P. G. M. to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone of the new County Court House at Columbiana. He reported the hearty co-operation of the brethren of Columbiana, a very large attendance of the citizens of the county, having been shown every courtesy, and that the duty was duly performed.

On May 11th, I appointed M. W. Brother R. S. Redden, P. G. M., to act as my Deputy to lay the corner stone of the new Christian Church at Jasper. He informed me that the duty was performed in the presence of a very large audience, strict and courteous in attention, and felt confident much good was done the fraternity in that community.

On June 2nd, I appointed W. Brother E. G. Rickarby, Jun-

ior Grand Steward, to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone of the new Central Presbyterian Church at Mobile, and he reported the duty duly performed.

On June 6th, I had the pleasure of laying the corner-stone of the new Congregation Shaarai Shomayim of Mobile. I was most cordially received by our Mobile brethren with every feeling of loyalty. A most interesting program had been prepared for the occasion. The ceremony was impressive and was witnessed, not only by a vast number of our brethren from Mobile and surrounding counties, but also a large audience of the best citizens of the community.

On July 10th, I appointed M.: W.: Brother R. M. Cunningham, P. G. M., to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone of the new Public School Building at Geneva, and he reported the duty duly performed.

On July 10th, I appointed W.: Brother W. W. Daffin to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple of Macon Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., at Grove Hill, and he reported having performed the duty with pleasure to the Craft and others in attendance.

On July 17th I appointed M.: W.: Brother James A. Bilbro, P. G. M., to act as my Deputy to superintend the laying of the corner-stone of the new Court House of Choctaw County at Butler, and he reported having performed the duty with due Masonic honors, and a large concourse of Masons and citizens there assembled, that the greatest harmony prevailed and that the work that day was highly beneficial to the cause of Masonry in that county.

On August 8th, I appointed W. Brother C. D. Carmichael to act as my Deputy to lay the corner stone of the new Public School Building at Enterprise and he reported the duty performed.

On August 10th I appointed R.: W.: Brother R. M. Cunningham, P. G. M., to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone, at Ashland, of the new County Court House of Clay County, and he informed me that the duty was duly performed, in the presence of a large and appreciative assemblage.

On September 15th I appointed W.: Brother Erle W. Pettus, Senior Grand Steward, to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone of the new Methodist Church at Holland's Gin near Elk-

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mont, and he reported the duty performed according to our ancient usage and ceremony.

On October 30th I appointed W.. Brother John B. Lyons to act as my Deputy to lay the corner-stone of the new Public School Building at Phenix City. Brother Lyons informed me that he performed the duty intrusted to him with the assistance of a very large representation of Wilson Williams Lodge No. 351, and in the presence of a number of the best citizens of Phenix City.

On November 2nd, I laid the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple of Rising Virtue Lodge No. 4. at Tuskaloosa, assisted by a large assembly of the brethren of Tuskaloosa and vicinity, in the presence of a large and attentive audience. The corner-stone was laid with most impressive ceremonies.

APPOINTMENTS

In February, 1906, I appointed the following brethren Lecturers of the several Masonic Districts of this Jurisdiction :

For the First District, William W. Daffin of Grove Hill, Ala.

For the Second District, John B. O'Bannon of Brewton, Ala.

For the Third District, Richard D. Windham of Henderson, Ala.

For the Fourth District, Milton H. Hagood of Mt. Willing, Ala.

For the Fifth District, William W. McCollum of Brierfield, Ala.

For the Sixth District, John McKinley of Eutaw, Ala.

Nor the Seventh District, Thomas G. Bush, Jr., of Ironaton, Ala.

For the Eighth District, Charles J. Walker of Hartselle, Ala.

For the Ninth District, James A. Bilbro of Gadsden, Ala.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On December 27, 1905, I appointed Brother Andrew H. Henning, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

On March 12, 1906, I appointed Brother James Rowson of Grand Rapids, Mich., Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, vice Brother Thomas Reardon, deceased.

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On November 19, 1906, I appointed Brother Edgar H. Parkman of Thompsonville, Conn., Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

On December 27, 1905, I received the commission for Brother William Y. Titcomb as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia near the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Brother Titcomb was recommended for appointment as Grand Representative of said Grand Lodge by my lamented predecessor, the late M. W. Brother Henry H. Matthews.

On November 23, 1906, I received the commission for Brother Joseph H. Edwards as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, vice M. W. Brother Henry H. Matthews, deceased.

On December 1, 1906, I received the commission for M. W. Robert J. Redden, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

On Nov. 14, 1906, I recommended Brother Leon Schwarz, of Mobile, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

The last named brother has not yet received his commission.

EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA.

That "One touch of pity makes the whole world akin" was never more forcibly illustrated than on April the 18th, when the shocking news was flashed around the globe that a fearful earthquake and fire had brought death and disaster to our brethren in California involving a loss of life and unprecedented destruction of property. The inhabitants of San Francisco and other cities of that State were left in actual want. I immediately wired to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of California, Brother Motley H. Flint, the fraternal sympathy of the Fraternity of Alabama, assuring him our assistance to the limit of our ability, and that Masonic subscriptions were now being made for the benefit of our California brethren. To this M. W. Brother Flint replied deeply appreciating our offer of sympathy and assistance, stating that funds were badly needed, and to forward same promptly. On April 26th, I joined with the various Grand Masonic bodies of this State in the following circular :

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 26th, 1906.

*To the Subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies
of Alabama:*

DEAR BRETHREN, COMPANIONS AND SIR KNIGHTS—

In the inscrutable wisdom of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, "whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are not our ways", a dire visitation has fallen upon the brethren of our Sister Grand Jurisdiction of California. The once prospering and flourishing City at the Golden Gate is almost in ruins, the land of sunshine and flowers is covered by a cloud of distress. The working tools of numberless of the brethren of the Craft are shattered, their homes have become desolate. Widows and orphans are in need of relief and their cry of distress has reached this, our Grand Jurisdiction. Knowing the deep seated sentiments of Brotherly Love and Charity which have been the crowning virtues of the brethren of this Jurisdiction, and that in view of this great disaster it is our duty as Masons to render all assistance possible to our stricken brethren, we herewith appeal to the generosity of the various subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. The need of relief is most urgent, and no time can be lost in making your contributions. Remember that

"HE THAT GIVES QUICKLY—GIVES TWICE."

Call Special Communications without delay, for this specific purpose, and promptly remit your offerings to Ben. M. Jacobs, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, Birmingham, Alabama, who will forward the same to the authorized Masonic Relief Committee of the Grand Jurisdiction of California.

Trusting that the presiding officers of the Subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of this jurisdiction will present this appeal promptly to their local bodies, and invoking the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe upon your deliberations,

Fraternally yours,
BEN. M. JACOBS,
Deputy and Acting Grand Master,
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama.
FRANCIS H. BATES.
Grand High Priest,
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

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BEN. M. JACOBS,
Grand Master,
Grand Council R. & S. M. of Alabama.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE,
Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary and Recorder.

I am gratified to state that Alabama Masons responded promptly and generously to the call of distress, and through your Acting Grand Master, made such timely and liberal contributions to the relief of our distressed brethren, that was gratifying to him and an honor to the Craft, clearly demonstrating that the noble principles of our Fraternity had found a lodgment in the hearts of the brethren of Alabama, and that its tenets of brotherly love and relief were not hypocritical professions, but an active, sincere principle of their lives. The promptness of the response to my appeal was as gratifying as their liberality, and it must also be taken into consideration that the brethren had been called upon and had assisted in the various relief funds already started in their communities for the same purpose. The total amount received by me was \$3,883 88, of which I remitted to M. W. Brother Flint \$3,300 00, leaving a balance in my hands of \$583 88, which is now on deposit in the American Trust and Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala., subject to your disposition. On the very day I was preparing to forward this balance to Brother Flint, I received a communication from him asking that I withhold further remittances, because in his judgment ample funds were on hand to meet all relief required. Even after I received this notice, quite a number of contributions were received, but these I returned to the Lodges sending them. There was no practicable method of returning to the various contributors the pro-rata share of the balance on hand. In communication with the officers of the other Grand Bodies who assisted in raising this relief fund, it has been decided that we recommend that this balance be turned into the Widows and Orphans fund of this Grand Lodge. I am of the opinion that it could not be devoted to a more noble cause, and where it most properly belongs, having been originally contributed and intended for the relief of the distressed and needy.

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In connection with this report, I wish to state that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due Mr. T. D Jackson, manager of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Co., and also the American Trust and Savings Bank, both of Birmingham, Alabama, for the many courtesies shown me on this occasion. A copy of the amounts contributed by each of the Lodges, with the amounts remitted M. W. Brother Motley H. Flint is herewith attached.

GULF COAST STORM.

Great disasters follow each other with a frequency and variety that will not permit man to forget his limitations or weaknesses, as compared with the resistless forces of nature. On September 23, a West Indian hurricane, such as has never been experienced for many years, swept our Gulf coast with all-imposing forces and raged for hours, bringing death and ruin to life and property. Extended regions of Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana were made the scene of a most wide spread disaster. It was in fact the most disastrous that ever visited the southern coast of Alabama. It is not alone to be measured by the destruction of life which it caused, though that was something terrible, but also by the suffering which followed. It was here that our Mobile brethren stepped into the breach and began relief work in a systematic, detailed method that was most necessary, as smaller towns along the coast were left entirely destitute. On October 8th, together with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, the Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Alabama, and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama, I approved a joint appeal issued by the Masonic Fraternity of Mobile, calling on the various subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction to make contributions for the relief of those Masons, their families, widows and orphans, many of whom had lost all they possessed. So great had the burden become upon the brethren of Mobile in caring for the destitute along our southern Alabama coast, that it had been decided to ask for outside aid. This assistance and relief was asked and accepted for the coast district only, the Mobile brethren being able to care for the destitute in the city and suburbs. I have no report of the amounts contributed, as all remittances were made direct to Brother C. S. Shawhan, Secretary of the Executive Committee, but I have no doubt that the various subordinate bodies re-

sponded to this appeal with their usual liberality. In this connection I wish to mention that I received a telegram from Brother Motley H. Flint M.·. W.·. Grand Master of California, also Brother Max Meyerhardt, M.·. W.·. Grand Master of Georgia, both volunteering assistance, either financially or otherwise, of their respective jurisdictions in case of our inability to provide for those in need of assistance. To these brethren I feel that I voice the sentiment of all our brethren of Alabama, in assuring them of our appreciation of the kind brotherly feelings and thoughtfulness, displayed on this occasion.

NECROLOGY.

While this past year has brought to us many blessings, for which our grateful acknowledgments are due and thankfully rendered to Almighty God, it has also brought to Alabama Masonry great sorrow. The "Grim Reaper" has knocked at the portals of our Grand Lodge, and it is well that we pause by the wayside of life and silently drop a glistening tear, a token of brotherly love, in memory of those who were with us at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, but are now gone forever. At this hour, some of us, perhaps more than others,

"Miss the touch of a vanished hand, the
Sound of a voice that is still."

After a long and serious illness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Henry H. Matthews, departed this life, at his home, in the City of Montgomery, on the 6th day of June. Immediately on receipt of the sad intelligence I notified the various officers of the Grand Lodge, of our great loss, and called a special communication of this Grand Lodge to be held June 8th. The funeral ceremonies took place most fittingly and appropriately, at our Masonic Temple, Montgomery, on the 8th day of June, and were conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren, after which the remains of our beloved, Most Worshipful Grand Master, were deposited with all Masonic Honors, in their final resting place, Oakwood Cemetery, in Montgomery.

It can well be said of our brother, who has left for the unknown journey; "The golden bowl is broken;" "The silver cord is loosed," and he who was with us, our Grand Master, Friend and Brother, is gone before. He had devoted years of his life to

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the upbuilding of our Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction, and he was ripe in good works and ready for the harvest. Who shall say, he has not gone to a better and higher work, where the full fruition of his life can be better realized and reaped, than here within the narrow limits of Man's vision and power?

On June 18th, in accordance with the usual custom and in memory of our departed Brother, I issued the following official announcement:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
OFFICE OF R. W. DEPUTY AND ACTING GRAND MASTER:
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., JUNE 18, 1906.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all Lodges owing obedience to this Grand Lodge and all Grand Lodges in Fraternal Correspondence:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you, that our most beloved Brother,

HENRY H. MATTHEWS,
Most Worshipful Grand Master,

passed peacefully and quietly to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," June 6th, 1906.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama has sustained the great loss of one who was a zealous and devoted Mason. He had greatly endeared himself to the Masonic brethren of this entire jurisdiction, by whom his memory will ever be most fondly cherished. All who knew Brother Matthews, whether in public or private life, whether a mere acquaintance or a Brother in Fraternal ties testify to his sterling worth. For months disease had held him captive and all the while death stood in the shadow waiting. He has left his brethren and family an untarnished name and a record without a stain. In the quiet seclusion of home life, surrounded by the members of his family, the spirit of our Most Worshipful Grand Master took its flight. When the messenger came, he was found ready, and together they crossed the river.

"Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning higher and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink these stars in empty night;
They hide themselves in heaven's light."

In the death of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the cause of Masonry lost a warm friend and supporter. He early gained the love and respect of his associates of the Fraternity and rose by natural steps to the receipt of its highest honors.

Brother Henry H. Matthews was born at the Arsenal Academy of Columbia, South Carolina, Oct. 23rd, 1854, and was the son of Captain Joseph Matthews, who at that time was Superintendent of that branch of the South Carolina Military Academy, known as the "Arsenal," having risen from the position of a private in the U. S. Army to the office of Superintendent, with the rank of Captain, of this institution of learning. At an early age Brother Matthews was left an orphan, his father dying during a recess of the Academy in June, 1858, his mother following in 1865. His school days were spent in the city of his nativity, where he received written distinctions for meritorious conduct and proficiency in studies; coming to Alabama in 1870 and locating in the city of Montgomery. In 1889 he was appointed Clerk of the City Court of Montgomery, which position he held under various appointments to the time of his death. Brother Matthews "sought his first light" in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173 A. F. & A. M., on the 19th of November, 1875, less than one month after arriving at the age of twenty-one years, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 14th of January, 1876, and served his Lodge as Worshipful Master for three different terms. A further advance in Masonry was made by his receiving the Capitular Degrees in Montgomery R. A. Chapter No. 22. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason January 19th, 1877, and was elected High Priest thereof in June, 1884, and re-elected in June, 1889. He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in 1899. He was received and greeted in Montgomery Council No. 3 R. & S. M., November 28, 1894, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master thereof in 1898. He was knighted in Montgomery Commandery No. 4, K. T. in 1879.

Brother Matthews filled the various stations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama and was elected M. W. Grand Master, December 7th, 1904, and re-elected December 6th, 1905.

In the Grand Commandery of Alabama, he was elected R. E. Grand Commander in May, 1897, and served the Constitutional limit, retiring in May, 1898, and was appointed Inspector

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General in 1901, to succeed Sir Knight H. Clay Armstrong, deceased, and acted as such until May, 1906, declining reappointment on account of failing health.

Brother Matthews also received the various degrees of the A. A. Scottish Rite from the 4th to the 32d, inclusive, the latter degree having been conferred on him February 4th, 1903, at Birmingham, Ala., during the reunion held in that city.

And now the cares of life are ended. He continued lovingly to perform his duty with the utmost fidelity until failing health overtook him, and from the record of his Masonic career, it will be apparent that our departed M. W. Grand Master was a devoted Mason, and through a long period of years gave much time and attention to the prosecution of Masonic work. His personal influence was widely and most favorably felt in Masonic circles. He was a man of unimpeachable character, much respected and beloved in the community in which he lived and his virtues as a man and citizen were recognized wherever he was known. In token of our grief and our respect for his memory, it is ordered that this be read in every subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction at the first regular Communication thereof after its receipt, and it is also ordered that the Charter, Furniture and Working Tools of each Lodge be draped in mourning, and that the brethren wear the usual badge of mourning for sixty days from date of receipt of this communication.

Fraternally yours,

BEN. M. JACOBS,

Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

Attest: GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

On May 3, 1906, I was advised of the death, the day previous, of Brother Edward S. Gatchell, our Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, at Selma, Ala., the city of his residence. Owing to the short notice given me, I regret to state that I was unable to make the railroad connections in time to reach Selma for the hour set for the funeral, but I wired brother H. D. S. Mallory, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, to open the Grand Lodge and act for me, and inter the remains of Brother Gatchell with all Masonic honors.

In what better method can we express our feelings for the departed than by truthful praise in simplest word? The flowers placed beside the open coffin or above the closed grave wither

almost with the day's fading sunset. Brother Gatchell had always been an efficient and faithful member of the fraternity, a wise and safe counsellor, a dignified manly man. In his death a vacancy is made in our ranks, which silently appeals to us to be thoughtful of those who perform their duty faithfully and loyally and try as best we can to emulate their excellent example. The form of Edward S. Gatchell has passed to the silent tomb, but pleasant memories of his life and career, while in our midst, can never, never die.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Brother John G. Fletcher, President of the Board of Control of Masonic Temple, Little Rock, Arkansas, died January 31, 1906. Aged 75 years.

R. W.: Brother John W. Humphreys, Senior Grand Warden of Masons of Colorado, died at his home in Trinidad, April 25, 1906. Aged 58 years.

M. W.: Brother Albert H. Branch, Past Grand Master of Masons of Colorado, died December, 1903. Aged 50 years.

M. W.: Brother Richard Thomas Welken, Past Grand Master of Masons of Canada, died March 23, 1906. Aged 66 years.

M. W.: Brother Luke A. Lockwood, Past Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, died at his home at Riverside, November 20, 1905. Aged 72 years.

M. W.: Brother George Harold Walker, Past Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, died at his home in Washington on May 1, 1906.

M. W.: Brother George S. Hallmark, Past Grand Master of Masons of Florida, died at his home in Pensacola, on July 12, 1906. Aged 61 years.

M. W.: Brother Frank S. Devol, Past Grand Master of Masons of Indiana, died February 8, 1906. Aged 62 years.

M. W.: Brother John Rennie, Past Grand Master of Masons of Indian Territory, died at his home in Lehigh, February 8, 1906. Aged 60 years.

M. W.: Brother John Guthrie, Past Grand Master of Masons of Kansas, died at his home in Topeka, July 1, 1906. Aged 77 years.

M. W.: Brother Thomas Emmet Dewey, Past Grand Master of Masons of Kansas, died June 9, 1906. Aged 47 years.

M. W.: Brother Thomas Tweed, Past Grand Master of

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Masons of Manitoba, died at the city of Montreal, April 4, 1906.
Aged 54 years.

M.: W.: Brother William H. Phillips, Past Grand Master of
Masons of Michigan, died at his home in Menominee Febru-
ary 13, 1906. Aged 87 years.

M.: W.: Brother John W. Finch, Past Grand Master of
Masons of Michigan, died at his home in Adrian, April 4, 1906.
Aged 80 years.

M.: W.: Brother John W. McGreth, Past Grand Master or
Masons of Michigan, died December 9, 1905. Aged 63 years.

Brother Thomas Reardon, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand
Lodge of Michigan and Grand Representative of the Grand
Lodge of Alabama, died at his home in Midland, Mich., Janu-
ary 3, 1906. Aged 58 years.

M.: W.: Brother Andrew Hannah Barkley, Past Grand Master
of Masons of Mississippi, died December 9, 1905. Aged 76 years.

M.: W.: Brother Irvin Miller, Past Grand Master of Masons
of Mississippi, died March 20, 1906. Aged 70 years.

M.: W.: Brother Bradley T. Kimbrough, Past Grand Master
of Masons of Mississippi, died June 18, 1906. Aged 60 years.

M.: W.: Brother Joseph S. Browne, Past Grand Master of
Masons of Missouri, died February 12, 1906. Aged 70 years.

Brother Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer of Masons of Mis-
souri, died May 20, 1906. Aged 73 years.

R.: W.: Brother Albert Scripture Wait, Past Deputy Grand
Master of Masons of New Hampshire, died October 7, 1905.

M.: W.: Brother Frank Hurd Robinson, Past Grand Master
of Masons of New York, died October 11, 1906.

M.: W.: Brother Edson Fitch, Past Grand Master of Masons
of Quebec, died April 19, 1906. Aged 68 years.

R.: W.: Brother Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary of Masons
of South Carolina, died in Columbia, S. C., March 28, 1906.
Aged 68 years.

M.: W.: Brother Thomas A. Hamilton, Past Grand Master of
Masons of Tennessee, died at his home in Memphis, October 1,
1905. Aged 82 years.

M.: W.: Brother James L. Sloan, Past Grand Master of
Masons of Tennessee, died August 26, 1906.

M.: W.: Brother Thomas Milburne Reed, Grand Secretary and
Past Grand Master of Masons of Washington, died October 7,
1905. Aged 80 years.

DECISIONS.

1. The work as adopted by the Grand Lodge each year is the only correct method, and no person, not even a member of the Committee on Work, should teach or practice any change therein until officially adopted by this Grand Lodge.

2. A subordinate Lodge, as such, has no communication with the outside world, and therefore should not give an official endorsement to a brother who is an applicant for a position under the Government or a Corporation. This does not apply to the individual members of such Lodge, nor prevent them mentioning his Masonic standing.

3. The forms laid down in our Code, for the minutes and other Lodge business, are the only proper ones to be used by subordinate Lodges, and forms of other jurisdictions should not be used.

4. (a) A subordinate Lodge, which has been working under dispensation and receives its charter at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, not only has the right, but it is its duty, to elect its own officers at its first regular communication, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

(b) No dispensation is required for this election, as the charter issued by the Grand Lodge invests such Lodge with all the powers necessary to organize as a chartered Lodge, at once, which includes the right to elect its own officers.

(c) Such officers, however, do not hold for a year, but only until the regular meeting preceding the festival in June, when officers must be elected as provided in the Constitution.

5. If before installation objection is made by any brother to the installation of the Master, the installing officer should proceed no further in the installation ceremony, but ascertain at once the reasons for such objection, and if they are good and sufficient and the brother or brethren making same signify their intention of preferring charges in the manner provided by law, then installation should be refused until such charges are disposed of. However, if upon investigation the installing officer determines that such objections are not good and sufficient, or the brother or brethren decline to prefer charges, he will proceed with the installation.

6. The presence of either the Master or one of the Wardens is necessary, not only to open and close the Lodge, but also during

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its session, for the transaction of business and conferring of degrees.

7. Where there are two or more applications for initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation, separate ballot for each must be held.

8. An E. A. or F. C. is amenable to Masonic law, and charges should be preferred against them in the same manner as against Master Masons. The trial however should be had in that Lodge of which the accused is a member. When the evidence is closed and the trial ended, a Master Mason's Lodge is opened and a verdict rendered and punishment assessed, just as in the trial of a Master Mason.

9. A dimitt should only be granted upon the oral request of the applicant himself in open lodge or by written request, signed by him and presented at a regular communication.

10. If a Lodge enacts a by-law prohibiting its members from engaging in the retail liquor business, then a member who does so renders himself liable to charges as for any other violation of Masonic law, to be tried in such manner. This not being a Masonic offense in the absence of a by-law; it would be proper to give any brother who is engaged in such business at the time of the enactment of the by-law an opportunity to dimitt.

11. If an applicant has received the E. A. degree in a Lodge outside the jurisdiction in which he lives, without the required questions being asked and answered, and such fact is ascertained before he is passed, the questions required in the first instance must be asked of the home lodge and consent obtained before advancement. Such inquiries and procedure thereon are the same as required of an applicant for the E. A. Degree.

12. Jurisdiction over residents of this State is exclusive, and no subordinate Lodge has the power to waive such jurisdiction in favor of a Lodge in a Sister Grand Jurisdiction.

13. A Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction cannot make Masons of profanes living in another Grand Jurisdiction, even though jurisdiction may be waived by a Lodge in such other Grand Jurisdictions.

14. Persons initiated, passed or raised in violation of the foregoing two edicts are irregularly made Masons, and must be "healed" before being entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

15. A petition for affiliation, like a petition for initiation, when

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received in a legal manner, cannot be withdrawn or otherwise disposed of except by ballot.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Newbern Lodge No. 102, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, forfeited its charter about twenty years ago. This was brought about by reason of a reduction of its membership in consequence of death and removal of its members. There are now living in the jurisdiction of this Lodge four of its old members, namely: Brothers John H. Turpin, Jacob Huggins, Selby Hardenburg and Milton H. Harran. There are also living within the jurisdiction of said Lodge four other Dimitted Masons, namely: Brothers W. M. Caruthers, Jas. T. King, H. W. Saunders and Brother Cross. All of these Brethren are true men. All of the four named, who were formerly members of the said Lodge, were true Confederate soldiers, and three of them are Past Masters of said Lodge. Newbern Lodge, at the time of the forfeiture of its charter, owned a hall, which is still standing.

These brethren desire to have the charter of said Lodge restored. I recommend that this be done free of charge, and that said named brethren be authorized at once to elect officers to serve until the next election and proceed to do work.

I would earnestly recommend that the salary of our Grand Secretary be increased. Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction is growing very rapidly, the number of subordinate Lodges, as well as the increase in our membership being far in excess of what it was at the time our Grand Secretary was first called to his present position and the work of the office increasing, more than proportionately. With this membership rapidly enlarging each year, the duties of the office have become more exacting, and I feel that his salary should be increased to an amount such as he is entitled to for the excellent services rendered by him. I hope this will meet with the hearty recommendation of your Finance Committee.

Brother George A. Beauchamp was first appointed to his present position on December 24, 1900, to fill the unexpired term of the lamented Henry Clay Armstrong, and has been re elected at each succeeding communication of the Grand Lodge. During his incumbency dispensations have been granted for the organization of ninety-four new Lodges, and our membership has grown from twelve thousand at that time to a number exceeding

eighteen thousand, an increase of over fifty per cent. of the number of Master Masons, in this jurisdiction, augmenting the work in his office to a vast extent, with no increase in remuneration that I feel he is so justly entitled to.

No Grand Secretary was ever better equipped for the office. Brother Beauchamp has the gift of bringing all the power of his mind, and all the force of his will, to bear upon his work, and, as many of our brethren will testify, he is literally wrapped up in it. I would also recommend that an appropriation be made for the expense of a stenographer to the Grand Secretary. The amount of mail received by him has grown to such an extent that it now requires this assistance. Our Grand Secretary is frequently called upon to assist the various subordinate lodges over the entire State, giving them instruction in the work, etc.; in fact he is traveling in the interest of the fraternity nearly one-fourth of his time, causing a loss of time from his office and a vast accumulation of mail during his absence, so that it has reached such a condition that without this assistance he will be compelled to surrender his "field work" that so many of the brethren fully appreciate, as having been so valuable and instructive, and of such great assistance to them in the past, that I feel this Grand Lodge will not hesitate to grant him this relief in the discharge of his duties.

That this Grand Lodge enact a law whereby the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall be paid their necessary expenses in coming to, remaining at and returning from the Grand Lodge. This committee I consider one of the most important standing committees, and upon which some of the most responsible work devolves. According to our edicts, they are compelled to be in attendance at our annual communications to give unto us the benefit of their legal talent, as well as their time. The duty expected of them requires their attendance possibly two days in advance of the convening of this Grand Lodge, all of this at their own personal expense, with no reimbursement whatever, appears to me to be an injustice to these brethren. There are several of our standing committees who are remunerated to a certain extent, and I feel that we owe this much to these brethren, in all fairness to them, that their expenses at the very least should be paid.

Owing to the fact that the increase in the number of dispensations granted each year, for the organization of new lodges, has

increased to such an extent that the entire time of the Committee on By-Laws is consumed in the examination of the by-laws of these new lodges, and that the members of this committee barely have an opportunity to be present during our session; I would recommend that this committee be made a standing committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed each year by the incoming Grand Master, and that it shall hereafter be the duty of the Grand Secretary to inform all lodges granted a dispensation to mail a copy of their by-laws, as early as practicable after their organization, to the chairman of this committee for examination for any corrections that the committee may deem necessary before final adoption by the subordinate lodges. This will facilitate the work of the committee and relieve these brethren considerably of the burden and congestion of the work that is now imposed upon them. This would also prove beneficial to all lodges already established. For at any time a subordinate lodge desires to adopt a new set of by-laws or wish to make any changes in its existing laws, it would first have the opportunity, before final adoption, to submit them to this committee, and thus avoid a possible conflict with our Masonic law and usage.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I have noticed a strong tendency, in various sections of this jurisdiction, towards too much publicity given in the newspapers to the proceedings of the communications of our subordinate lodges. Notices merely giving time and place of meeting, and the degree or degrees to be conferred and inviting visiting brethren I do not think out of place. I do not consider general news of interest to the brethren improper, but rather desirable. But anything that looks like seeking after notoriety or advertising the lodge should be discouraged and discountenanced, and this rests with the individual brethren of each lodge. The publication of the names of persons initiated, etc., I do not think is proper. It looks too much like the Lodge conceives that it has received an honor, rather than it has conferred one, especially when notice is given that one or more prominent men in a community have been received as members. I regard no man so great that he is not honored by receiving the degrees in Masonry. There is no way to regulate this under present law, but each subordinate lodge, by inculcating the proper Masonic spirit amongst its members, may bring about this end.

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During the past year a vast amount of my correspondence has been in reference to requests for information and rulings where the law is clearly defined in our Masonic Manual. In all such cases I have referred the questioners to our Code. But it has convinced me that quite a number of Masters and Wardens either have no Masonic Manual in their posession or do not study our Edicts sufficiently to become acquainted and fully understand our Masonic law and usage. The Master of every Lodge has it in special charge, and it is his bounden duty to see that the Constitution, Resolutions and Edicts of the Grand Lodge are strictly enforced and observed, and at the time of his installation as Master of his Lodge, he promises to strictly conform to every Edict of this Grand Lodge. How can he perform his duty as Master of the Lodge when he fails to study or understand our Masonic law? This has been fully demonstrated very often during this past year, by the various questions propounded to me and the violations of our Edicts that have been presented to my notice.

Embodied in the address of the last Grand Master there appeared the report of a special committee appointed by him to investigate a complaint against Autauga Lodge, No. 81, by the family of Brother William Jones, a deceased member of that Lodge. No disposition was ever made of this report. Early in the year I received a protest from Autauga Lodge against the report of the committee, alleging that it did serious injustice to the Lodge, and some individual mentioned in the report, and that the Lodge had no opportunity to present its side of the case. The committee having never been discharged, I made an effort to have them sit again, and give all parties a full hearing, but nothing further has ever been done. Since that time I have received from the other side in controversy additional correspondence and statements, and both sides have expressed a desire to have the matter fully investigated by the Grand Lodge. If injustice has been done, it is our duty to rectify the wrong, and I therefore recommend that the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, take up the report, together with the additional correspondence and statements which I submit herewith for such disposition as in their judgment may dictate.

Last February I received from the M. W. Grand Master of Wisconsin, Jesse C. Bradley, a communication, making complaint against Anniston Lodge No. 443, in behalf of Wisconsin

Relief Lodge. M.: W.: Brother Bradley alleged that Anniston Lodge had refused to pay the expenses incurred by the Wisconsin Lodge in connection with the burial of a member of Anniston Lodge, who died in Milwaukee, Wis., in a destitute condition. He requested that I take up the matter with the Anniston Lodge and arrange the difficulty if possible. The expenses incurred in that behalf were not only at Milwaukee, but also at Chattanooga, Tenn., where the interment took place, and deeming it a matter that to a certain extent involved all Alabama Masonry, I at once took up the complaint with Anniston Lodge. I regretted to find that Anniston Lodge absolutely refused payment of the claim, not on the ground that they were unable to meet it, nor that the deceased brother was not a member of that Lodge in good standing, but for the reason, as they expressed it, that "the Wisconsin Lodge had taken an unwarranted liberty, had not given them sufficient notice and had incurred useless and extravagant expense;" and took occasion to express their condemnation upon the action of Wisconsin Relief Lodge. I used every endeavor in my power to effect a settlement of the matter, but Anniston Lodge refused to recede from its position, but finally, however, agreed to pay \$50.00 "for a full discharge of all these masters." The amount expended by Wisconsin Lodge was \$53.88, and that by Chattanooga Lodge, at the request of Wisconsin Lodge, was \$41.00, making a total of \$94.88, which Anniston Lodge was asked to pay. I then submitted the whole matter back to the M.: W.: Grand Master of Wisconsin, who referred it to Wisconsin Relief Lodge. This Lodge replied to him that the treatment accorded Wisconsin Relief Lodge by the officers and members of Anniston Lodge was such as to preclude further consideration of the subject with them, we therefore resolved to place the matter in your hands, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of this jurisdiction. * * * * This not being a mere business proposition we can set no conditions, nor can we compromise in this matter." Thereupon the M.: W.: Grand Master of Wisconsin referred the matter to this Grand Lodge in the following language: "Now I am of the opinion that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama would not expect Wisconsin Masons to stand the expense of interring the remains of a member of one of its subordinate lodges, even though that Lodge unjustly and arbitrarily refuses to pay, and therefore * * * I respectfully request that you bring the whole matter to the at-

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tention of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama at its next annual communication for such action as in their good judgment may be in keeping with the merits of the case."

In accordance with that request, and feeling that it is a matter that should be fully considered in a most brotherly spirit, I present the entire matter to your most careful attention. I feel that we should do nothing to wilfully offend the brethren of Anniston Lodge, or unjustly condemn them, but at the same time it appears to me that it puts Alabama Masonry to the test, and we should meet it squarely, realizing our obligations as Masons, our duty to ourselves and our brethren in other jurisdictions, remembering that among the first injunctions laid down in the Masonic lesson "to do unto your neighbor as you would have him do unto you." I regret that such a difference should arise among Masons, and I submit the entire matter to you, together with all the correspondence connected herewith for your determination.

If there is no objection, I shall refer this matter to a committee composed of all Past Grand Masters present at this communication for investigation, and to report at this meeting of the Grand Lodge. I suppose it will be necessary to hear no evidence on the subject, as I have full statements from the Milwaukee, Chattanooga and Anniston Lodges, presenting their respective positions in the matter, and which are herewith submitted.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME.

I regret to state that the proposition to amend Section 21, Article 6, of the Constitution submitted to the Subordinate Lodges for approval or rejection, has failed to receive the requisite majority vote. For years a very large number of our brethren have been convinced of the necessity of a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home in our State, and various efforts have been made in this direction each meeting with failure. As year after year passes by, with its triumphs, bringing sorrow and desolation to some hearts and joy and happiness to others, we are brought to a closer realization of the love and care the Supreme Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon many of us, but in the realization of this love and care we are forgetful of the duty we owe to the dependent widows and orphans of our deceased brethren who are in need of our care and attention. In a civilization like ours, based upon family life as the central feature, there is an absolute need of some institution to

take charge of children bereft of their parents. How far better it is, then, to have an institution that not only will take charge of our children, but will do still more, will provide them with the training so essential, that they may become honorable and self sustaining men and women. In almost every Grand Jurisdiction of our country, there is already established or in contemplation, a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and why not in Alabama? We would only be performing a duty enjoined upon every Mason, a duty he owes to himself and to every Mason. It would not be dispensing charity, neither would it be the doling out of alms. The influence of Masonry has wrought much good the world over. It was a factor in the very foundation of our Republic. It has at all times upheld the law and aided in the administration of justice. It has kept pace with the rapid advancement of civilization and it has softened the horrors of war. It has promoted friendship and brotherly love, but the greatest and most glorious achievement of Alabama Masonry will be the establishment of a Widows and Orphans Home in this Grand Jurisdiction. It will stand as a perpetual monument to the generosity, benevolence and wisdom of our fraternity.

Convening in regular communications and the conferring of degrees should not be the paramount object of the brethren. We have certain responsibilities devolving upon us, and duties of a higher order are imposed upon us, than upon the majority of secret organizations. The kind deeds that we do will, after all, be the only thing that will be left to us when we pass to the "Great Beyond."

I am firmly of the opinion that if the necessity of this Home was properly presented and explained to our brethren at some regular communication of each of the subordinate lodges, by the friends of the cause, there would be no difficulty in gaining the same by an overwhelming majority. I would therefore earnestly recommend again introducing the amendment at this communication, for submission to the subordinate bodies of this jurisdiction; that a committee be appointed to wage an active campaign in its favor and at the same time an appropriation of a sufficient amount, such as this Grand Lodge may see fit, be placed at the disposal of the committee to meet the expenses of prosecuting this work that "will have been so happily begun, it will be carried on, by God's will, to a happy ending." We are now in position to easily afford to make this appropriation. The balance due on

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our Temple is but \$4,000 00, and your Finance Committee will recommend to you the cancellation of one-half of this amount, leaving the small debt of but \$2,000 00 still due, and before our next annual communication we will be more than able to liquidate this small balance. With a beautiful home of our own, all paid for by them, and used for our comfort and convenience but a few days each year, my brethren, is it not time for us to use every effort to provide a home for our needy and dependent widows and orphans? Is it not right and just that they, too, should be provided with a home for every day in the year? With this Temple—our Home—surrounded as we now are with all we could ask for, will the Masonic brethren of Alabama turn a deaf ear to those lonely widows and dependent orphans, appealing to us for aid and protection? I am confident, my brethren, that if I could here recite to you, without encroaching too much on your valuable time, some of the very sad cases that have been presented to me, as your Grand Master, during this past year, for the relief of dependent Masonic widows and orphans, I am positive there would be no hesitancy on your part in concurring in these recommendations of mine in furthering the interest of a Masonic Home in Alabama.

CONCLUSION.

So is written the history of the year. Prosperity sits at our gates. On our altars peacefully burn the fires of fraternity. The fragrant garlands of friendship are twined about our pillars. The true light comes from the East and falls in resplendent splendor upon the banner of an organization committed to the practice of every noble deed, taught to cherish every worthy thought.

The retrospective view is the source of much pride and congratulation, as we look upon the achievements of our fraternity, its material progress and the Masonic zeal of its subordinate lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. We belong to a fraternity that occupies no insignificant place among the forces that go to make the world's history, that tend to the enlightenment of mankind and the advancement of civilization. We point with pride to its past record throughout the civilized world. It has sent forth brethren on the mission of charity and love, to bind up the bruised and broken heart, to dry the tears of the orphan and hush the wail of the widow, and thus, with tender

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touches, has lifted humanity with loving hands to higher planes of living and nobler spheres of thought.

The world at large is realizing each day more and more the moral force of Masonry, in the uplifting of humanity. Having for its corner-stone the Holy Scriptures, it stands for the immutability of the highest truths, the sacredness of God's Revelations; for man's duty and guidance in life, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, all as forming the only true basis and standard of human character and good citizenship. It is affected by no passing breeze or change, no spirit of unrest, and it is never heated into passion by assaults from without, but moves quietly along on its pathway of charity, good will and helpfulness to men, and amidst the petty turmoils, the selfish purposes, the mean bitterness of men, it stands

'Like some tall cliff, that lifts its awful form,
Swells the gale and midway leaves the storm;
Though 'round its base the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

Fraternally yours,

BENJ. M. JACOBS,
Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO APPEAL FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THE CALIFORNIA SUFFERERS, THE
RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

Birmingham Fraternal No. 384.....	\$100 00
King Solomon.....	100 00
Union	25 00
Temple	10 00
Individual, Temple..	5 00
Birmingham Temple..	100 00
Fruitdale	10 00
Amand	10 00
Adamsville.....	10 00
Fort Payne.....	25 00
Johns.....	25 00
Alexandria	5 00
Montgomery.....	25 00
Huffman.....	5 00

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Hartford.....	No. 409.....	10 00
Brundidge	184.....	20 00
Clintonville	188.....	10 00
Notasulga	119.....	10 00
Sam Thompson.....	456.....	5 00
L. E. Hine.....	.....	1 00
Quitman.....	254.....	10 00
Brookwood	509.....	50 00
Ensley.....	560.....	25 00
Central City.....	305.....	100 00
Cullman Fraternal....	421.....	5 00
Sylacauga	200.....	5 00
Autauga.....	31.....	5 00
Gadsden	286.....	20 00
Hewitt	519.....	10 00
Spring Hill.....	536.....	10 00
Wallace Harralson....	558.....	5 00
Tensaw	221.....	10 00
Shelby.....	140.....	25 00
Shelby Individuals....	.....	25 18
Ironaton.....	622.....	41 00
Chester	368.....	20 00
Carney	549.....	25 00
Carrollton	214.....	10 00
Newton.....	224.....	25 50
Echo	345.....	10 00
Clanton.....	423.....	12 50
Samson	624.....	14 70
Spruce Pine	608.....	5 00
Tuckabatchee	96.....	5 00
Repton	575.....	5 00
Sonora.....	635.....	15 00
Howard	69.....	25 00
Henry	91.....	11 50
Mount Willing.....	471 .. 5 00	
B. J. Jones.....	.. 1 00	
Brother Hagood.....	.. 1 00—	7 00
Dry Creek	626.....	10 00
Andrew Jackson.....	173.....	50 00
Coalburg	448.....	10 00
Robert E. Lee.....	879.....	25 00

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Baldwin	No. 142.....	25 00
Pike Road.....	204.. 10 00	
Pike Road.....	10 00—	20 00
Magnolia	516.....	5 00
Mobile.....	40.....	50 00
Lozahatchee	97.....	25 15
Dadeville	71.....	12 50
Fairmount.....	238.....	10 90
Sam Dixon	218.....	10 00
Abernethy	615.....	25 00
Auburn.....	76.....	25 00
Avondale	476.....	15 00
Herndon	125.....	3 00
Midland City.....	504.....	5 00
Clear Creek.....	340.....	2 00
Florence.....	14.....	10 00
Downing	580.....	10 00
Oneonta	324.....	8 75
Hartselle	398.....	5 00
Hermon	106.....	1 00
Clio	586.....	10 00
Lexington	613.....	5 00
Brilliant.....	601.....	50 00
Wiley	134.....	2 00
Mahan	490.....	10 00
Ware.....	435.....	10 00
Enterprise	469.....	2 00
Atheistan	369.....	10 00
Geo. Morrow.....	507.....	5 00
Rogersville	147.....	25 00
Pleasant Site.....	364.....	10 00
Coffeeville	122.....	5 00
Macon.	7.....	10 00
Green Hill.....	402.....	5 00
Gilead	9.....	21 00
Trinity	396.....	10 00
Mt. Signal.....	508.....	10 00
Locust Fork.....	481.....	10 00
Crozier	78.....	6 50
Georgiana	285.....	5 00
Honoraville	251.....	9 90

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Ohatchee	No. 380.....	5 00
Newburg	388.....	10 00
Weogufka	378.....	5 00
Dean	112.. 5 00	
	2 00—	7 00
Town Creek.....	381.....	5 00
Demopolis	49.....	33 75
Woodlawn.....	525.....	6 50
Farrar	8.....	25 00
Dwight	550.....	11 00
Springville	280.....	10 00
Putnam.....	212.....	5 00
Aesbury	553.....	5 00
Proctor	571.....	5 00
Central	70.....	20 00
Fraternity	145.....	10 00
Upshaw	561.....	8 00
Eureka	64.....	10 00
Greeno	598.....	15 00
Livingston.....	41.....	5 00
Helena	410.....	10 00
Blue Springs	582.....	5 00
Leighton	43.....	15 00
North Border.....	391	5 00
Norris	301.....	10 00
Dothan	466.....	50 00
Prattville.....	89.....	6 00
Travis L. Bedsole	619	5 00
Carbon Hill.....	494.....	2 00
Wylam	492.. 25 00	
Wylam Meth. Church.	10 00—	35 00
Motley	634.. 2 00	
Two brethren.....	50c ea.—	1 00— 3 00
Stokes	609.....	5 00
Nixburg.....	154.....	5 00
McCormack.....	629.....	10 00
Patton	578.....	5 00
Bear Creek	321.....	5 00
Selma Fraternal.....	27.....	100 00
Helion.....	1.....	25 00
Chattahoochee	192.....	5 00

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Wetumpka	No. 39.....	10 00
Fruithurst.....	551.....	5 00
Hopewell	198.....	5 00
Louisville	225.....	10 00
Carrington.....	522.....	5 00
Olive	606.....	5 00
Friendship.....	83.....	10 00
York	211.....	25 00
Isney	563.....	8 05
Bowen.....	240.....	10 00
Section	565.....	10 00
Lake City.....	377.....	9 90
Ariton	171.....	5 00
Jas. D. Truss.....	515.....	10 00
Camp Hill.....	120.....	5 00
Ashford	493.....	10 00
Bridgeport.....	548.....	10 00
Lebanon	484.....	5 00
Davis Fraternal....	483.....	10 00
Hickory Flat.....	392.....	10 00
Houston	365.....	1 00
Chas. Baskerville....	281.....	10 00
Mt. Zion.....	542.....	5 00
Harrison.....	216.....	5 00
Oliver	334.....	25 00
Hoke's Bluff.....	470.....	10 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	266	25 00
Ashland	356.....	10 00
Bethany	468.....	20 00
St. Stephens.....	81	5 00
Wewoka	539.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon.....	439.....	5 00
New Decatur.....	491.....	25 00
George Washington...	24.....	5 00
Sunny South.....	497.....	10 00
Holly Grove.....	328.....	5 00
Carmichael	548.....	30 05
Sulligent	532.....	10 00
John Payne.....	245.....	5 00
Perryville.....	618.....	5 00
Gillespie.....	290.....	5 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Amity	No. 154.....	15 00
Fulton	98.....	10 00
Boaz.....	546	5 00
Courtland.....	37.....	10 00
North Birmingham...	591.....	5 00
Mt. Hope	168.....	10 00
Hardy Howle.....	459.....	5 00
Landmark	187	10 00
Bentley	607.....	5 00
Tunnel City.....	578.....	10 00
Nanafalia.....	335.....	10 00
Herbert.....	579.....	5 00
Jenifer	577.....	5 00
Rutledge	357.....	10 00
Anniston	443.....	25 00
VanBuren	355.....	20 00
LaPine	201.....	10 00
Corinthian.....	462.....	10 00
Guin	478.....	5 00
Reuben	581.....	10 00
Opp	605.....	10 00
Citronelle.....	637.....	5 00
Crane Hill.....	554.....	2 00
Brookside	552.....	5 00
Georgiana Davis.....	338.....	10 00
Russellville	371.....	10 00
Hamilton	341.....	5 00
Rising Virtue.....	4	5 00
Dolcito	596	5 00
Blacksher	593.....	5 00
Rock Springs.....	479.....	2 00
Wilsonville	510.....	5 00
Beulah	455.....	5 00
Heaton	354.....	5 00
Mt. Union	541.....	5 00
Gaylesville.....	256.....	5 00
Caldwell	502.....	10 00
Forest Home	270.....	10 00
Harris	457.....	5 00
Moundville	123.....	10 00
Elkmont	207	5 00

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DeKalb	No. 116	10 00
W. T. Underwood.....	612.....	10 00
Dawson.....	244.....	5 00
Alabama.....	3.....	2 00
Franconia.....	632.....	5 00
Monroe	485.....	21 25
Chambers.....	149.....	5 00
Hackleburg.....	526.....	2 00
L. H. Raburn.....		25
D. F. Clay.....		25— 2 50
Concord	586.....	5 00
St. Albans.....	22.....	10 05
Burnt Corn	489.....	10 00
Delta	189.....	10 00
Logan	500.....	2 00
Shiloh	105.....	5 00

\$2,990 13

R. A. CHAPTERS.

Mineral City.....	No. 101.....	50 00
Marion.....	12.....	25 00
Fort Payne.....	107.....	25 00
Mobile	21.....	10 00
Sylacauga.....	104.....	10 00
Coosa	86.....	15 00
Anniston.....	105.....	25 00
Clanton.....	116.....	12 50
Dadeville	56.....	12 50
Dothan	113.....	25 00
Central	64.....	15 00
Blocton	109.....	10 00
Jefferson	81.....	33 75
Collinsville	57.....	10 00
Cunningham.....	120.....	25 00
Jasper	118.....	25 00
Eunomia.....	5.....	10 00
Montgomery	22.....	25 00
Tyrian.....	54	5 00
Decatur.....	38.....	25 00

\$ 393 75

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

COUNCILS.

Sam Thompson	No. 43.....	25 00
Gadsden	56.....	5 00

\$ 30 00

COMMANDERIES.

Etowah	No. 15.....	10 00
Sylacauga.....	21.....	10 00
Cyrene.....	10.....	100 00
W. O. Snyder.....	.....	10 00
Blocton.....	19.....	10 00
Montgomery	4.....	25 00

\$ 165 00

A. A. SCOTTISH RITE.

Birmingham	300 00
Leo Ackerman.....	5 00

305 00

Receipts from Subordinate Lodges.....	\$2,990 13
Receipts from Chapters.....	393 75
Receipts from Councils	80 00
Receipts from Commanderies	165 00
Receipts from Scottish Rite.....	305 00

\$3,883 88

By ac't April 27, 1906, Motley H. Flint, G. M.	600 00
" " May 1, 1906, " " " " 700 00	
" " May 8, 1906, " " " " 500 00	
" " May 11, 1906, " " " " 1,000 00	
" " June 18, 1906, " " " " 500 00	

\$3,300 00

Balance on hand this date, deposited with American
Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, Ala.... \$ 583 88

Fraternally,

BENJ. M. JACOBS,
Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of W. Bro. Walter Smith, the Deputy

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and Acting Grand Master's Address was referred to a committee of three Past Grand Masters, as follows:

John G. Harris,
Russell M. Cunningham,
Robert J. Redden.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Grand Treasurer, R. W. Brother William H. Dingley, submitted the following reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Wm. H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with the

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA, A. F. & A. M.

1905.	DR.	
Dec. 5	To balance	\$ 7,224 69
16	Received of Grand Secretary...\$ 383 45	
1906.		
July 1	" " "	1,000 00
Nov. 12	" " "	1,000 00
" 15	" " "	6,521 55 8,905 00

		\$16,129 69

Dec. 1905.	CR.
By Grand Secretary's salary.....	\$ 1,500 00
Clerical assistance.....	300 00
Grand Treasurer.....	200 00
Grand Lecturer.....	300 00
Grand Chaplain.....	25 00
Grand Tyler.....	20 00
Grand Registrar.....	400 00
Washing aprons and Porter.....	16 85
Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.....	200 00
Chairman of Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.....	50 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Com. on Work, A. M. Scott.....	40 00
" " " W. A. Arnold..	25 00
" " " H. G. Earnest..	30 00
" " " S. W. Tate....	25 00
" " " W. W. Daffin... -----	30 00 -----
	150 00
Com. on Finance, L. Lazarus..	40 00
" " " P. B. Dixon..	16 00 -----
	56 00
Grand Sec'y paid in excess of Contingent Fund.....	87 63
Grand Sec'y—Contingent Fund.....	1,500 00
Expenses of Grand Master.....	50 00
Cases for Library—\$151 00 and 60 00.	211 00
Binding for Library	91 55
Iron railing, &c.....	99 50
Reprint of Proceedings—1821 to 1839.	478 10
Tyling for Committee on Work ..	10 00
Insurance on \$10,000 00 for 3 years...	275 00
Interest on Bonds, Jan. and July.....	330 00
Com. on Foreign Corresp'nce—special	100 00
Expenses Olive Lodge investigation..	6 10
Repairs to roof of Temple ..	21 60
Compiling and printing Code and Manual—2,000.) ..	1,371 46
Funeral of Grand Master H. H. Matthews ..	423 15
Portrait of Grand Master H. H. Matthews..... -----	25 00 8,207 44 -----
Balance.....	7,832 25 -----
	\$16,129 69

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Wm. H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with the
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME FUND.

1905	DR.
Dec. To balance.....	\$219 97
1906	
Nov. 15. Received of Grand Secretary....	30 00
	\$249 97

TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT TRUST FUND,

In Account with the
GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF ALABAMA.

1905	DR.
Dec. 1 To balance.....	\$1,154 21
1906	
Nov. 18 Received of Grand Secretary...	2,819 50
	3,473 71

CR.	
Dec. 18 By Bonds Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 22	2,000 00
1906	
Dec. 4 " Balance on hand.....	1,473 71
	\$3,473 71

WM. H. DINGLEY. } Trustees.
 GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP, }

Dec. 3, 1906.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother George A. Beauchamp, submitted the following Reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama:
 I beg to submit the following reports for the year ending November 15, 1906:

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
CASH RECEIPTS.**

1906.

DUES.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report.....\$ 8,228 50
 (For detailed statement see Appendix.)

1906

RENTS.

Nov. 15. Rents collected from the Masonic Bodies
 of Montgomery since last report..... 600 00

CERTIFICATES.

Certificates have been issued to the following former members
 of defunct Lodges:

1905.

Dec. 9	J. C. Lanier, East Bend,	No. 517..no ch'ge
11	J. W. Coker, Jefferson.....	51.... 1 00
12	Redick P. Ennis, Madison Station...	329.... 1 00
12	Jno. D. Lanier, East Bend.....	517..no ch'ge
12	Wm. R. Hendrix (as E. A.) East Bend.	517..no ch'ge
15	Render L. Hart, Mortimer Reeder...	126.... 1 00
15	F. W. Rea, Loachapoka.....	133.... 1 00
15	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	133.... 1 00
15	Jesse O. Warren, Loachapoka.....	133 1 00
16	George Whitfield, Spring Hill.....	217.... 1 00
16	W. K. Bennett, Rock Mills.....	353.... 1 00
16	George P. Southerland, Rock Mills..	353..no ch'ge
19	Wiley H. McGinnis, Cross Plains....	363.... 4 00
19	Henry M. Price, Daviston	283.... 2 50
22	Jno. C. Faughender, Cross Plains....	368.... 1 00
22	Jno. J. Fain, Cross Plains	368.... 4 00
22	F. G. Ryan, Cotaco	366.... 1 00
22	T. J. Tingle, Cotaco.....	366.... 1 00
22	P. A. Oden, Cotaco	366.... 1 00
22	Simon Craig, Cotaco	366.... 1 00
26	Jno. Whitfield Rikard, Frankfort....	275.... 1 00
1906.		
Jan. 3	James Mills, Jr., Sipsey	350 ... 1 00
3	Andrew J. Johnson, Sipsey.....	350.... 1 00
3	William H. Johnson, Sipsey.....	350.... 1 00
3	James F. Williamis, Sipsey.....	350.... 1 00
3	Samuel E. Hodge, Sipsey.....	350.... 1 00
10	W. H. McClendon, Rock Mills.....	353.... 2 00

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Jan. 11	F. E. Haynie, Loachapoka.....	No. 133....	1 00
11	William H. Haynie, Loachapoka.....	133....	1 00
15	Silas Sitton, Walker.....	286....	1 00
16	Andrew J. Willis, Frankfort.....	275....	1 00
26	Thomas Sizemore, Moscow.....	206....	4 00
Feb. 6	Isaac G. Albritton, Walker.....	286....	1 00
13	David M. Benefield, High Shoals.....	413....	1 00
24	D. A. Mills, Frankfort.....	275....	10 00
M'ch 3	G. W. Emery, Rock Mills.....	353....	1 00
2	G. S. Emery, Rock Mills.....	353 ...	1 00
3	O. S. Welch, Luverne.....	488....	1 00
27	Oliver P. Tucker, Waterloo.....	382 ...	1 00
27	Wm. M. Potts, Waterloo.....	383....	1 00
Ap'l 4	S. H. Cleney, Piedmont Fraternal....	369....	1 00
9	Samuel P. Turner, Waterloo.....	382 ...	1 00
18	Wesley T. Pittman, Rock Mills.....	353...no ch'ge	
20	M. M. Patterson, Rock Mills.....	353 ...	1 00
26	Wm J. Dozhier, Goliad.....	370....	1 00
May 4	S. M. Williams, Walker.....	286....	1 00
24	Nathan Kirkland, Johnson.....	337....	1 00
June 16	Phillips Robins, Walker.....	286....	1 00
25	Jacob Huggins, Newbern.....	102....	1 00
26	Daniel Sandlin, Bremen.....	496....	1 00
26	George W. Daniel, Bremen.....	496....	1 00
July 19	Wiley S. Lane, Warrior Stand	115....	1 00
26	Daniel Smitherman, Benson.....	103 ...	1 00
Aug. 4	William A. Hood, Vienna.....	48 ...	1 00
4	William B. Stansel, Bridgeville	100...no ch'ge	
22	Jno: C. Boles, Piedmont Fraternal...	308....	1 00
Sep. 12	Z. T. Crenshaw, Seale.....	451....	1 00
Nov. 5	Henry B. McLean, Mortimer Reeder..	126 ...	4 00
8	W. T. Walton, Goliad.....	370....	1 00
			\$76 50

1906.

DISPENSATIONS.

Jan. 18	Dispens'n iss'd James Mills Lodge	No. 638..	\$35 00
22	.. .. Sam Gibbons Lodge....	639..	35 00
M'ch 5	.. .. Sayre Lodge.....	640..	35 00
13 Scott Lodge.....	641..	35 00
28 Waterloo Lodge.....	642..	35 00
29 Ben. M. Jacobs Lodge...	643..	35 00

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M'ch20	Dispens'n iss'd Fairview Lodge	644..	35 00
May 12	.. Glenwood Lodge.....	645..	35 00
June 9	.. .. Abernant Lodge	646..	35 00
11	.. .. Nix Lodge.....	647..	35 00
July 5	.. .. Webb Lodge.....	648..	35 00
13	.. .. Black Rock Lodge.....	649..	35 00
19	.. .. Arkadelphia Lodge.....	650..	35 00
31	.. .. Lamar Lodge.....	651..	35 00
Aug. 1	.. .. Ranburne Lodge.....	652..	35 00
3	.. .. Celestia Lodge.....	653..	35 00
21	.. .. Dement Lodge.....	654..	35 00
22	.. .. Excel Lodge.....	655..	35 00
25	.. .. Lanett Lodge.....	656..	35 00
Sept. 5	.. .. Geo. A. Beauchamp L'dg	657..	35 00
19	.. .. Whiton Lodge.....	658..	35 00
19	.. .. Pythagoras Lodge.....	659..	35 00
29	.. .. Mount Ida Lodge.....	660..	35 00
29	.. .. Frankville Lodge.....	661..	35 00
Oct. 12	.. .. William H. Dingley L'dg	662..	35 00
26	.. .. Arab Lodge.....	663..	35 00
31	.. .. Chancellor Lodge	664..	35 00
9	.. .. Pfister Lodge.....	90..	9 00
	(to reorganize)		
			\$954 00

1905.

CHARTERS.

Dec. 6	Charter issued Black Creek Lodge No. 610.....	\$35 00
6	.. .. Abernethy Lodge No. 615.....	35 00
6	.. .. Battelle Lodge No. 618.....	35 00
6	.. .. Travis L. Badsole Lodge No. 619..	35 00
6	.. .. Queen Lodge No. 620.....	35 00
6	.. .. Robert J. Redden Lodge No. 623..	35 00
6	.. .. Samson Lodge No. 624.....	35 00
6	.. .. Charles Haynes Lodge No. 627..	35 00
6	.. .. McCormack Lodge No. 629.....	35 00
6	.. .. Luverne Lodge No. 630.....	35 00
6	.. .. Franconia Lodge No. 632.....	35 00
6	.. .. Sonora Lodge No. 635.....	35 00
6 Birmingham Temple L'ge No. 636	35 00
6 Citronelle Lodge No. 637.....	35 00
23	restored Auburn Lodge No. 76.....	8 00

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Dec. 26 Charter issued Lehigh Lodge No. 625.....	35 00
26 " " Dry Creek Lodge No. 626.....	35 00
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	\$568 00

1906. MANUALS.	
Nov. 15 Manuals sold since last report.....	797 50
1905. WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.	
Dec. 15 Interest on Bond No. 7 taken up by this Fund.....	15 00
1906.	
July 15 Interest on Bond No. 7, taken up by this Fund.....	15 00
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	30 00

RECAPITULATION.

GENERAL FUND.

1906.	
Nov. 15 Dues collected since last report....	\$8,228 50
15 Rents collected since last report....	600 00
15 Certificates issued since last report.	76 50
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	8,905 00

PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

1906.	
Fov. 15 Dispensations issued since last report	\$954 00
15 Charters issued since last report....	568 00
15 Manuals sold since last report.....	797 50
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	\$2,319 50

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

1906.	
Nov. 15 Receipts since last report.....	30 00
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Total cash receipts.....	\$11,254 50

PAID GRAND TREASURER.

1905.	
Dec. 11 For General Fund.....	888 45
1906.	
July 2 " "	1,000 00
Nov. 12 " "	1,000 00
15 " "	6,521 55
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	8,905 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

1906.

Nov. 15 For Permanent Trust Fund	2,319 50	2,819 50
1906.		
Nov. 15 For Widows and Orphans Fund....	30 00	30 00
Total payments		\$11,254 50

An edict of the Grand Lodge enacted in 1893, requires "that all the Subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby required, to pay their annual dues to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of November of each year, and that all Lodges failing to comply with this resolution shall be considered as being delinquent for that year." (See Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1893, pages 73 and 74.)

One Lodge, William F. Aldrich. No. 520, has consolidated with Central Lodge No. 70, since our last Annual Communication, making the number of Chartered Lodges now on the roll 425. Of these, 322 paid their dues within the required time and the following 103 Lodges are delinquent:

No. 4 Rising Virtue	Dues not paid for 1906
9 Gilead.....	.. .. .. .. ..
10 Royal White Hart ...	.. .. .. .. ..
16 Athens .....	.. .. .. .. ..
25 Dale .....	.. .. .. .. ..
28 Lafayette .....	.. .. .. .. ..
37 Courtland .....	.. .. .. .. ..
39 Wetumpka .....	.. .. .. .. ..
42 Hiram .....	.. .. .. .. ..
53 Greening .....	.. .. .. .. ..
71 Dadeville .....	.. .. .. .. ..
74 Solomon .....	.. .. .. .. ..
75 Cokerville .....	.. .. .. .. ..
78 Crozier .....	.. .. .. .. ..
81 St. Stephens .....	.. .. .. .. ..
88 Meridian Sun..... 1905 and 1906
98 Fulton 1906
99 Salem
105 Shiloh
107 Choctaw
112 Dean

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No. 120	Camp Hill.....	Dues not paid for 1906.
127	Bolivar 1905 and 1906
134	Wiley..... 1906
135	Columbia .....	.. .. .. ..
140	Shelby .....	.. .. .. ..
143	Burleson .....	.. .. .. ..
151	Bladon Springs.....	.. .. .. ..
154	Nixburg.....	.. .. .. ..
155	Eastaboga.....	.. .. .. ..
170	Elba .....	.. .. .. ..
180	Mt. Hilliard.....	.. .. .. ..
190	Tombigbee.....	.. .. .. ..
197	Hillabee.....	.. .. .. 1905 and 1906
198	Caledonia .....	.. .. .. 1906
200	Sylacauga.....	.. .. .. ..
219	Lineville .....	.. .. .. ..
221	Tensaw .....	.. .. .. ..
223	Mt. Carmel .....	.. .. .. ..
236	Gadsden .....	.. .. .. ..
244	Dawson .....	.. .. .. ..
264	Walnut Grove.....	.. .. .. ..
276	Bullock .....	.. .. .. ..
277	Larkinsville.....	.. .. .. ..
281	Charles Baskerville..	.. .. .. ..
321	Bear Creek.....	.. .. .. ..
324	Oneonto .....	.. .. .. ..
331	Charity .....	.. .. .. ..
332	Blue Eye.....	.. .. .. ..
341	Ragan .....	.. .. .. ..
358	Ashland .....	.. .. .. ..
358	Barbour.....	.. .. .. ..
360	Newtonville.....	.. .. .. ..
361	Town Creek .....	.. .. .. ..
364	Pleasant Site .....	.. .. .. ..
371	Russellville.....	.. .. .. ..
386	Trinity.....	.. .. .. ..
393	Blount Springs.....	.. .. .. ..
403	Childersburg .....	.. .. .. ..
409	Hartford .....	.. .. .. ..
415	Oak Level.....	.. .. .. ..
435	Ware.....	.. .. .. ..

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

No. 436	Winston Star.....	Dues not paid for 1906.
446	Leeds .....	.. .. .. .. ..
447	Taylor .....	.. .. .. .. ..
449	Bankhead .....	.. .. .. .. ..
457	Harris .....	.. .. .. .. ..
465	Oakman .....	.. .. .. .. ..
473	Stanton .....	.. .. .. .. 1905 and 1906
475	Deatsville .....	.. .. .. .. 1906
476	Avondale.....	.. .. .. .. ..
491	New Decatur.....	.. .. .. .. ..
493	Ashford .....	.. .. .. .. ..
495	Mt. Pinson .....	.. .. .. .. ..
498	Bay Minette.....	.. .. .. .. ..
501	Delmar.....	.. .. .. .. ..
503	Sheffield .....	.. .. .. .. ..
506	Irondale.....	.. .. .. .. ..
509	Brookwood.....	.. .. .. .. ..
512	Cunningham .....	.. .. .. .. ..
526	Hackleburg .....	.. .. .. .. ..
537	Enon .....	.. .. .. .. ..
543	Bridgeport .....	.. .. .. .. ..
545	H. C. Tompkins.....	.. .. .. .. ..
558	Wallace Haralson....	.. .. .. .. ..
562	Vinemont .....	.. .. .. .. ..
569	Anna Norton.....	.. .. .. .. ..
570	Fresco .....	.. .. .. .. ..
576	Cline .....	.. .. .. .. ..
579	Herbert .....	.. .. .. .. ..
588	Prince .....	.. .. .. .. ..
591	North Birmingham..	.. .. .. .. ..
596	Dolcito .....	.. .. .. .. ..
597	Coffee Springs .....	.. .. .. .. ..
598	Greeno .....	.. .. .. .. ..
602	Arley .....	.. .. .. .. ..
606	Olive.....	.. .. .. .. ..
610	Black Creek.....
611	Pinckard
617	Oak Grove
618	Battelle
630	Luverne
632	Franconia.....

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I am confident that practically all of above named Lodges will pay their dues before the Grand Lodge closes its Communication. The Appendix will contain the names of the Lodges delinquent at that time.

As our books are closed on the 15th of November, all remittances reaching this office after that date will necessarily have to appear in my report of next year. I trust that the Secretaries of the various Lodges will bear this in mind, and in future remit in time for their dues to be credited in the year for which remitted.

Since our last Annual Communication we have taken up four bonds, reducing our bonded indebtedness to \$4,000.00, and during the coming year we will take up at least four more.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

November 15, 1906.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

In Account with the

GRAND LODGE A.: F.: & A.: M.: OF ALABAMA.

1905.

Dec. 6 To Contingent Fund..... \$ 1,500 00 1,500 00
1906.

Nov. 15	By Printing and Stationery.....	628 22
15	.. Sundries	73 45
15	.. Light	154 48
15	.. Postage, Freight and Express..	405 62
15	.. Janitor.....	285 25
15	.. Repairs	49 22
15	.. Box Rent.....	8 00
15	.. Water	18 50
15	.. Coal.....	62 43
15	.. Telephone and Telegrams.....	28 82 —1,713 99

Overdrawn..... \$318 99

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ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPOND-
ENCE.**

W. Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which an motion, was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. (See Appendix).

**SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRES-
PONDENCE.**

W. Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following report:

"Your committee is in receipt of a pamphlet containing a record of the "Inaugural Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, October 10, 1905." An extract from said pamphlet will best acquaint our brethren with the case in hand. It is as follows:

"Previous to October, 1905, the Lodges of Northwest Territory of Canada were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and it is both pleasing and worthy of the best traditions of our Royal Craft to be able to recognize that the formation of a separate Grand Lodge has been considered inevitable by the mother Grand Lodge for several years past; and that the act of final separation has been, also, most regretfully, but kindly and fraternally, assisted in every possible manner by the officers and members of Manitoba."

"The political changes which culminated in the division of the Old Northwest Territories into the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan on Sept. 1, 1905, precipitated the division of the Manitoban Grand Lodge, for though it was long considered by many brethren that the large number of Masonic lodges hundreds of miles from the central authority, necessitated a change, the spirit of loyalty was so strong that nothing short of absolute necessity could change it."

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When the convention at Calgary was held, 17 of the 18 Lodges within the limits of the new Province were represented by 79 delegates, and the proposed change was unanimously adopted.

"No better exemplification of the beauties of Masonry can be adduced than the fact that W. G. Scott, Esq., M. W.: Grand Master of Manitoba, personally undertook the long journey to Calgary, in order to be present and invest the Grand Master of Alberta with authority over the Western Province of Canada, and, on behalf of the mother Grand Lodge, felicitate its offspring on arriving at maturity."

Everything that was done was conformable to Masonic law and usage

Your committee recommends that by official fraternal recognition the young Grand Lodge of Alberta be welcomed into the sisterhood of regular Grand Lodges, and that an interchange of Representatives be invited; and that this action be communicated to said Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W.: Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, and on motion of M.: W.: Brother B. Dudley Williams it was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Alabama.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following special report:

Your committee has received two letters, sent from the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico," one of them addressed to R.: W.: Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp, and forwarded by him; the other addressed to this committee. These letters will explain themselves:

Mexico City, Mexico, May 11th, 1906.
GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary, "Grand Lodge Alabama,"
Montgomery, Ala.
Dear Sir and M.: W.: Brother: Under separate cover I have

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sent to your address a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico," corresponding to the acts of said Body during the year 1905, as reported at its Annual Communication in January last.

As it is now recognized by all jurisdictions that have taken the pains to secure the necessary information that this Grand Lodge has succeeded in conforming its work and usages to that of other Grand Lodges, request is hereby made to your Grand Lodge to accord us fraternal recognition whereby the brethren of both jurisdictions may be mutually benefitted.

Any information you may desire will be cheerfully furnished by the undersigned.

Many of the principal jurisdictions in the United States have already recognized us.

Fraternally yours,

G. G. BERGMAN, Asst Grand Secretary.

Approved, J. C. MORDAUGH, Grand Master.

Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 2nd, 1906.

MR. W. Y. TITCOMB, Chairman For. Cor. Gr. Lodge of Alabama, Anniston, Ala.

Dear Sir and Bro: Your letter of August 27th received. Am sorry our proceedings did not reach destination; so I am sending you a copy by registered mail and trust you will receive it promptly.

I do not see any reason why Alabama, and the other jurisdictions which have not already recognized our Grand Lodge, should refrain from doing so any longer, for we can see no good reason for such a course. Our Masonry now is legitimate in every way, and we court full investigation. You will notice from the proceedings that some of the most important jurisdictions in the United States have recognized us, and we sincerely trust that Alabama will be one of the next ones to fall into line and extend us fraternal greeting.

Yours fraternally, G. G. BERGMAN.

By the courtesy of Bro. Geo. G. Bergman, District Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico," your committee is also in possession of the Proceedings of said Grand Lodge-1905. This volume, which is very neatly executed, has been read with care. From its perusal the impression is derived that our brethren in Mexico City are striving to attain the American standard of Masonry.

The constituent lodges of the jurisdiction are forty-two in number. Twenty-one of these work in the Spanish language, nineteen in the English language, one in the German language and one in the Italian language. The increase in the number of Lodges, from 32 to 42, arises from the fusion of Valle de Mexico" and "Santos Degallado" Grand Lodges.

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According to the best information in our possession, the percentage of this Mexican Grand Lodge in question was not what we regard as legitimate fruit of symbolic Masonry. Descended, as Bro. DeWolf Smith says, from the Gran Dieta Simbolica—"a body which removed the Great Light from its altars, made masons of women, and indulged in other irregular practices;" though at present the Bible is restored and women are excluded.

Possibly your committee is ignorant upon the subject, but it does not believe that the A. & A. S. R. ever possessed any authority to create symbolic lodges. This point is one thing that compels us to decline to recommend, at least for the present, recognition of the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico." Another point is the unsettled condition of Masonry in Mexico, so far as we have learned. Again, in the Report of Grand Master Mordough to the Grand Lodge in Mexico City last December, (which report, or address, we frankly admit is conservative in tone, and breathes an excellent Masonic spirit.) your committee finds a paragraph which arrests a desire to now recommend recognition. The words which are noted in said paragraph are as follows:

"As far as possible the spread of Masonry has been actively pushed and bearing in mind the many obstacles which we still have to struggle against before the institution can be considered tolerant in religious matters and neutral in politics." (Italics ours.)

So, pure Masonry is not yet firmly established in Mexico. May the "struggle" continue and soon end in the triumph of sound, unadulterated Masonic principles!

Even ignoring the question of origin that, in our opinion, was not strictly Masonic, it would, in the judgment of your committee, be the part of wisdom to wait for the establishment of unmixed Masonry in the Mexican Lodges.

Your committee therefore recommends that, for the present, the application for recognition made by the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico" be denied.

Fraternally submitted,

W. Y. TITCOMB,
Chairman Com. on Foreign Correspondence.

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LETTER FROM WIDOW OF PAST GRAND MASTER HENRY H.
MATTHEWS.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from Mrs. Henry H. Matthews, the widow of our deceased Grand Master, which was, on motion, ordered spread on the minutes:

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, June 29, 1906.

Grand Lodge of Alabama: In the sad and lonely hours that have intervened since the death of my husband I think often of the attention and high honors the Masons of Alabama paid him, for which the children and I are grateful. Out of the gloom of this, the saddest and darkest hours of a mother's and wife's life, comes this ray of cheerful comfort, his comrades knew and loved him in life and honored him in death. For your sympathy and kindness I am and ever shall be deeply grateful.

Respectfully,
MRS. HENRY H. MATTHEWS.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of M.: W.: Brother B. Dudley Williams, the time from 10 to 10:30 a. m. to-morrow was made made a special order for memorial services in honor of those Brethren who have passed away during the past Masonic year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W.: Brother A. M. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the E. A. Degree, and the report was adopted.

W.: Brother A. M. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the F. C. Degree, and the further report of this committee was postponed until to-morrow morning.

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PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 1, ARTICLE 3, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The R. W. Grand Secretary made report on the above mentioned proposed amendment to the Constitution, which was as follows:

Resolved. That Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "two years" and substituting therefor the words "one year," making said Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution read as follows:

No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, who has not been duly elected, installed and presided over a Subordinate Lodge. None except such as are at the time of their election or appointment members of some Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge, and no one shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master more than one year in any period of six years.

The number of Lodges voting for the amendment was 299.

The number of Lodges voting against the amendment was 115.

The number of Lodges not voting was 11.

The number of Chartered Lodges now working in obedience to this Grand Lodge is 425. Number necessary to carry proposed amendment, 284.

It will thus be seen that the amendment has secured the approval of two-thirds of the chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as required by the Constitution and has therefore been adopted.

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master declared the amendment adopted.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 21, ARTICLE 6, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The R. W. Grand Secretary made report on the

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above mentioned proposed amendment to the constitution, which was as follows:

Resolved, That section 21, of article 6, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama, be amended as follows:

By striking out the words "shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge," and inserting in lieu thereof as follows:

Shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50), of which one dollar (\$1.00) for each member of the subordinate lodge shall be set apart as a fund to be used for the establishment of a Masonic Home, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for indigent Master Masons in good standing and widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons who at their death were members of and in good standing in a subordinate Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The balance of said dues, namely fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge.

Provided That this Grand Lodge may hereafter, in its discretion, reduce the assessment herein provided for said Masonic Home.

The number of Lodges voting in favor of the amendment was 135.

The number of Lodges voting against the amendment was 280.

The number of Chartered Lodges now working in obedience to this Grand Lodge is 425. Number necessary to carry proposed amendment, 284.

It will thus be seen that the amendment has not secured the approval of two-thirds of the Chartered Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution, and has therefore failed of adoption.

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master declared the proposed amendment defeated.

NOTICE TO SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The R. W. Grand Secretary sent to each and every Subordinate Lodge, in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the following circular letter:

MASONIC TEMPLE.
JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF
ALABAMA.
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montgomery, Ala., May 15, 1906.

Dear Brother Secretary: Your earnest attention is called to the Propositions herein submitted to amend the Constitution, which you will read in open Lodge at your last regular Communication preceding the 24th June, at which time your Lodge must vote on the proposed Amendments.

When your Lodge has voted on the proposed Amendments, fill out the blanks prepared for that purpose and herewith attached. Detach the same and mail to me without delay.

I beg to call your attention to the following edict of the Grand Lodge:

"In all cases where Lodges fail to report action upon proposed Amendments, when properly sent to them, as required by the Constitution, the Masters of such Lodges shall be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication to give their reasons for failing to report their action or non-action on the proposed Amendments."

As soon as your election is over, please see to it that the list of officers elected is made out on the enclosed blank and forwarded to me at once.

You are earnestly and fraternally requested to keep these important matters in your mind until they are duly attended to.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

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GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

Dear Brother: At a Regular Communication of.....
Lodge, No. held on the day of, 1906, a vote
was taken on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, with
the following result:

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To amend Sec. 1, Art. 3, the vote was: Ayes.....; Nays.....
Fraternally yours,

[Seal.] Secretary.

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GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

Dear Brother: At a Regular Communication of Lodge No., held on the day of, 1906, a vote was taken on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, with the following result:

To amend Sec. 21, Art. 6, the vote was: Ayes....; Nays.....
Fraternally yours,

[Seal.] Secretary.

Detailed Statement of the Vote on the Proposition
to Amend Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitu-
tion, and Section 21, Article 6, of the Con-
stitution :

	To Amend Sec. 1, Art. 3 of the Constitution.	To Amend Sec. 21, Art. 6 of the Constitution.
No. 1	Helion	Yes..... No
3	Alabama.....	Yes..... No
4	Rising Virtue.....	Yes..... No
6	Moulton.....	Yes..... No
7	Macon	Yes..... Yes
8	Farrar.....	Yes..... Yes
9	Gilead	Yes..... Yes
10	Royal White Hart.....	Yes..... No
11	Montgomery	No
14	Florence.....	Yes..... Yes
16	Athens	Yes..... Yes
22	St. Albans	Yes..... Yes
24	George Washington.....	Yes..... Yes
25	Dale .. .	Yes
26	Lafayette.....	Yes..... Yes
27	Selma Fraternal	Yes..... No
29	Rising Sun	Yes..... Yes
31	Antauga	Yes..... No
36	Washington	Yes..... Yes
37	Courtland.....	Yes
39	Wetumpka.....	Yes

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40 Mobile	Yes.....	Yes
41 Livingston.....	No	No
42 Hiram.....	Yes.....	Yes
43 Leighton.....	Yes.....	Yes
46 Harmony.....	Yes.....	Yes
49 Demopolis.....	Yes.....	No
50 Union.....	Yes.....	Yes
52 New Market.....	Yes.....	No
53 Greening.....	No.....	Yes
54 Aiuity.....	Yes.....	Yes
55 Mt. Moriah	Yes.....	No
56 Troy.....	Yes.....	No
57 Tuskegee	Yes	No
59 Benton	No.....	Yes
62 St. Johns.....	No.....	No
63 Social.....	No.....	No
64 Eureka.....	Yes.....	Yes
67 Hampden Sidney.....	No.....	No
69 Howard.....	Yes	No
70 Central.....	Yes.....	Yes
71 Dadeville.....	Yes.....	No
72 Widow's Son.....	No.....	No
74 Solomon	No.....	No
75 Cokerville	No report.	No
76 Auburn.....	Yes.....	No
78 Crozier.....	No.....	No
79 Fredonia.....	No report.	No report.
80 Wilcox.....	No.....	No
81 St. Stephens.....	No	No
83 Friendship.....	Yes	No
84 Erophotic	Yes	No
88 Meridian Sun..	No report.	No report.
89 Prattville	No.....	No
91 Henry.....	Yes.....	No
93 Sawyer.....	Yes.....	No
95 Danville.....	Yes.....	Yes
96 Tuckabatchee	Yes	No
97 Lozahatchee	No	Yes
98 Fulton.....	Yes	No
99 Salem	Yes	Yes

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	Sec. 1, Art. 3	Sec. 21, Art. 6
101 Hartwell.....	No	Yes
104 Good Samaritan.....	No	No
105 Shiloh.....	Yes	No
106 Hermon.....	No	Yes
107 Choctaw.....	No	No
110 Forest Hill.....	Yes	Yes
111 Sylvan.....	Yes	No
112 Dean.....	No	No
116 DeKalb.....	Yes	No
119 Notasulga.....	No	No
120 Camp Hill.....	Yes	No
122 Coffeeville.....	Yes	Yes
123 Moundville.....	Yes	No
125 Herndon.....	Yes	No
127 Bolivar.....	Yes	No
129 Geneva.....	Yes	Yes
131 Yorkville.....	No	No
132 Roanoke.....	Yes	No
134 Wiley.....	Yes	No
135 Columbia.....	Yes	Yes
136 Unity.....	No	No
137 Rockford.....	Yes	No
140 Shelby.....	Yes	No
142 Baldwin.....	Yes	No
143 Burleson.....	No	No
145 Fraternity.....	Yes	Yes
146 Missouri.....	Yes	No
147 Rogersville.....	No	No
148 Cold Water.....	Yes	Yes
149 Chambers.....	Yes	No
151 Bladon Springs.....	Yes	No
153 Monroeville.....	Yes	Yes
154 Nixburg.....	Yes	No
155 Eastaboga.....	No	No
161 Penick.....	Yes	No
162 Hendrix.....	Yes	No
163 Fayetteville Authentic.....	No	No
168 Mount Hope.....	Yes	Yes
170 Elba.....	No	No
171 Ariton.....	Yes	No

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172	Fellowship.....	No report.	No report.
173	Andrew Jackson	Yes	Yes
177	Orion	Yes	No
178	DeSotoville	Yes .....	.....	Yes
180	Mt. Hilliard	Yes .....	.....	Yes
184	Brundidge	Yes .....	.....	No
185	Mt. Eagle	Yes .....	.....	No
186	Ashville	Yes .....	.....	No
187	Land Mark	Yes .....	.....	Yes
188	Clintonville	No .....	.....	No
189	Delta	Yes .....	.....	No
190	Tombigbee	Yes .....	.....	Yes
192	Chattahoochee	Yes .....	.....	No
193	Hopewell	Yes .....	.....	No
197	Hillabee	Yes .....	.....	No
198	Caledonia	No report	.....	No report.
199	Kilgee	Yes .....	.....	No
200	Sylacauga	Yes .....	.....	Yes
201	LaPine	No .....	.....	No
204	Pike Road	Yes .....	.....	Yes
207	Elkmont	No .....	.....	No
208	Alexandria	Yes .....	.....	No
209	Marshall	No .....	.....	No
211	York	Yes .....	.....	Yes
212	Putnam	Yes .....	.....	No
214	Carrollton	Yes .....	.....	No
218	Sam Dixon	Yes .....	.....	No
219	Lineville	Yes .....	.....	No
221	Tensaw	Yes .....	.....	Yes
222	Western Star	Yes .....	.....	Yes
223	Mt. Carmel	Yes .....	.....	No
224	Newton	Yes .....	.....	No
225	Louisville	Yes .....	.....	No
226	Santa Fe	Yes .....	.....	Yes
227	James Penn	Yes .....	.....	No
228	Dallas	Yes .....	.....	No
230	Bexar	No	No
231	Duck Springs	Yes	No
233	Sepulga	No	No
236	Gadsden	Yes	Yes

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238 Fairmount.....	No.....	No
240 Bowen.....	Yes.....	Yes
242 Coosa	No.....	No
243 Ramer	No.....	No
244 Dawson	Yes	No
245 John Payne.....	Yes.....	No
246 Harrison	Yes.....	No
247 Seddon	Yes	Yes
248 Lawrence.....	Yes	No
250 Amand	No.....	No
251 Honoraville	No.....	No
253 Rose Hill	Yes	No
254 Quitman.....	Yes	No
256 Gaylesville	Yes.....	Yes
257 Ervin	No	Yes
261 Talladega.....	Yes	Yes
264 Walnut Grove	Yes	No
266 Mt. Pleasant	Yes	Yes
270 Forest Home.....	No	Yes
271 Pea River.....	Yes	No
276 Bullock	No	No
277 Larkinsville	Yes	Yes
278 Northern	No	No
280 Springville.....	Yes	No
281 Charles Baskerville.....	Yes	No
285 Georgiana.....	Yes	No
287 Clinton	Yes	No
290 Gillespie	Yes	No
291 Fort Deposit	Yes	No
301 Norris.....	Yes	Yes
304 Winfield.....	No	No
305 Central City	No	No
320 Warrenton	Yes	No
321 Bear Creek.....	Yes	No
323 Holly Grove.....	Yes	Yes
324 Oneonta.....	Yes	No
331 Charity	Yes	Yes
332 Blue Eye.....	No	No
334 Oliver.....	Yes	No
335 Nanafalia	Yes	No

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338	Georgiana Davis.....	Yes.....	No
340	Clear Creek	Yes.....	No
341	Ragan.....	Yes	No
344	Hamilton.....	Yes.....	No
345	Echo	Yes	No
346	Hurtsboro.....	Yes	Yes
349	Ozark	Yes.....	No
351	Wilson Williams	Yes.....	No
354	Heaton.....	Yes.....	No
355	Van Buren.....	Yes	No
356	Ashland	No.....	No
357	Rutledge	Yes.....	No
358	Barbour	Yes.....	No
359	Scottsboro.....	Yes	Yes
360	Newtonville	Yes	No
361	Town Creek	Yes	Yes
363	Chester	Yes.....	No
364	Pleasant Site	Yes	No
365	Houston	Yes.....	No
369	Athelstan	Yes	Yes
371	Russellville.....	Yes	No
375	Gainesville	No.....	Yes
377	Lake City.....	No.....	No
378	Weogufka	Yes.....	No
379	Robert E. Lee	Yes.....	Yes
380	Ohatchee	Yes.....	No
381	E. H. Cook.....	Yes.....	No
383	Attalla.....	Yes	No
384	Birmingham Fraternal ..	Yes.....	No
386	Trinity	No report	No report.
388	Newburgh.....	No	No
389	Vernon.....	Yes	No
390	Weathers	No.....	No
391	North Border.....	Yes	No
392	Hickory Flat.....	Yes	No
393	Blount Springs.....	Yes	Yes
394	Valley Head	No	No
396	Falkville.....	No.....	Yes
397	Black Oak	Yes	No
398	Hartselle.....	No.....	Yes

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399 Haw Ridge.....	Yes.....	No
400 Hanceville	Yes.....	No
402 Green Hill.....	No.....	No
403 Childersburg.....	Yes	No
406 Doric	No	No
409 Hartford.....	Yes	Yes
410 Helena.....	Yes	Yes
411 Jemison.....	Yes	No
412 Amberson	Yes.....	No
415 Oak Level	No	No
416 Williamsburg	No report	No report.
417 George Smith.....	Yes	Yes
419 Hilton.....	No report	No report.
420 Broontown	No.....	No
421 Cullman Fraternal	Yes	Yes
422 Shorterville	Yes	No
423 Clanton	Yes.....	No
425 Temple	Yes	No
428 Belgreen	Yes.....	Yes
429 Milo Abercrombie	No	No
430 Albertville	Yes	No
432 Steel's Station.....	Yes	No
434 Andalusia	Yes	No
435 Ware.....	Yes	No
436 Winston Star.....	Yes.....	No
437 Fort Payne.....	Yes	No
438 Headland.....	No	No
439 Mount Vernon.....	No	No
440 Forney	Yes	Yes
443 Anniston	Yes	Yes
445 Calera	No	No
446 Leeds	No report	No report.
447 Taylor.....	Yes	Yes
448 Coalburg.....	Yes	No
449 Bankhead	Yes	No
450 Florida	No	Yes
452 Dolomite	Yes	No
453 Gibson	Yes	Yes
454 Lee	Yes	Yes
455 Beulah	Yes.....	No

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456	Sam Thompson	Yes.....	Yes
457	Harris.....	No.....	No
458	Bessemer.....	Yes.....	Yes
459	Hardy Howle.....	No.....	No
460	King Solomon	No.....	Yes
461	Ben Sims.....	Yes.....	No
462	Corinthian.....	Yes.....	Yes
463	Addison.....	Yes.....	No
464	Haleyville.....	No.....	No
465	Oakman.....	Yes.....	Yes
466	Dothan.....	Yes.....	No
467	Kennedy	Yes.....	Yes
468	Bethany.....	Yes.....	No
469	Enterprise.....	Yes.....	Yes
470	Hoke's Bluff.....	Yes.....	Yes
471	Mt. Willing.....	Yes.....	Yes
472	Baileyton	Yes.....	No
473	Stanton	No report	No report.
474	Blocton	Yes.....	No
475	Deatsville	Yes.....	No
476	Avondale.....	Yes.....	No
477	Renfroe	No.....	Yes
478	Guin	No.....	No
479	Rock Springs	No.....	No
480	East Lake.....	Yes.....	No
481	Locust Fork.....	No.....	No
482	Millport	No.....	No
483	Davis Fraternal.....	Yes.....	Yes
484	Lebanon	No.....	No
485	Monroe	No.....	No
486	Cedar Bluff.....	Yes.....	No
487	Round Mountain.....	Yes.....	No
488	Burnt Corn.....	No.....	No
489	Mahan	Yes.....	No
490	New Decatur.....	Yes.....	Yes
491	Wylam.....	Yes.....	Yes
492	Ashford	No.....	Yes
493	Carbon Hill.....	No.....	No
494	Mt. Pinson.....	No.....	Yes
495	Sunny South.....	No.....	No

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498 Bay Minette.....	Yes.....	No
499 Cleveland	Yes.....	No
500 Logan.....	Yes.....	No
501 Delmar	No.....	No
502 Caldwell	No.....	Yes
503 Sheffield.....	Yes.....	Yes
504 Midland City	No.....	No
506 Irondale	Yes.....	No
507 George Morrow.....	Yes.....	No
508 Mt. Signal.....	Yes.....	No
509 Brookwood	No.....	Yes
510 Wilsonville	Yes.....	No
511 Johns	Yes	Yes
512 Cunningham	Yes.....	No
514 Cottonwood	Yes.....	No
515 James D. Truss.....	No.....	No
516 Magnolia	No	No
518 Davis	Yes.....	No
519 Hewitt	Yes.....	No
521 Gurley	Yes.....	No
522 Carrington	Yes	Yes
523 Almond	No.....	No
524 Berry	Yes.....	Yes
525 Woodlawn Fraternal	Yes.....	Yes
526 Hackleburg	No	No
527 Middleton	Yes	No
529 Brown's X Roads	No	No
531 Muscadine	No	No
532 Sulligent	No	Yes
534 Bozeman	Yes	Yes
535 Bangor	Yes.....	No
536 Spring Hill	Yes.....	No
587 Enon	Yes	No
589 Wewoka	Yes	No
540 Searight.....	Yes.....	Yes
541 Mt. Union	No	Yes
542 Mt. Zion	No	No
543 Bridgeport	No	Yes
544 H. Clay Armstrong.....	Yes.....	No
545 H. C. Tompkins	Yes.....	Yes

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546	Boaz	Yes.....	No
548	Carmichael	Yes.....	No
549	Carney	Yes.....	Yes
550	Dwight	Yes.....	Yes
551	Fruithurst	No.....	No
552	Brookside	.....	Yes.....	No
553	Asbury	.....	No.....	No
554	Crane Hill	.....	Yes.....	No
555	Holly Pond	.....	No.....	No
556	Coal City	.....	Yes.....	No
558	Wallace Haralson	.....	No.....	No
559	Cordova	.....	Yes.....	No
560	Ensley	.....	Yes.....	Yes
561	Upshaw	.....	No.....	No
562	Vinemont	.....	Yes.....	Yes
563	Isney	.....	Yes.....	No
564	Gordo	.....	Yes.....	Yes
565	Section	.....	Yes.....	No
566	Clio	.....	Yes.....	No
567	Century	.....	Yes.....	No
568	Eulaton	.....	Yes.....	Yes
569	Anna Norton	.....	Yes.....	No
570	Fresco	.....	Yes.....	No
571	Proctor	.....	No.....	No
572	Patton	.....	Yes.....	Yes
573	Victoria	.....	Yes.....	Yes
574	Duke	.....	Yes.....	No
575	Repton	.....	Yes.....	No
576	Cline	.....	No.....	No
577	Jenifer	.....	Yes.....	No
578	Tunnel City	.....	Yes.....	No
579	Herbert	.....	Yes.....	Yes
580	Downing	.....	No.....	Yes
581	Reuben	.....	Yes.....	No
582	Blue Springs	.....	No.....	No
583	Cedar Bend	....No report	.....	No report.
584	Wilsod Shealy	.....	Yes.....	No
585	Odom	.....	No.....	Yes
586	Concord	.....	No.....	Yes
587	Franklin	.....	No.....	No

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Sec. 1, Art. 3

Sec. 21, Art. 6

588	Prince	Yes.....	Yes
589	Gantt	Yes.....	No
590	Chavies	Yes.....	No
591	North Birmingham	Yes.....	Yes
592	Moody	Yes.....	No
593	Blacksher	No.....	No
595	Brighton	Yes.....	No
596	Dolcito	Yes.....	Yes
597	Coffee Springs	No.....	No
598	Greeno	Yes.....	Yes
599	Slecomb	No.....	No
600	M A. Wood	Yes.....	Yes
601	Brilliant	Yes.....	Yes
602	Arley	No.....	No
604	Healing Springs	Yes.....	Yes
605	Opp	No.....	No
606	Olive	Yes.....	No
607	Bentley	Yes.....	No
608	Spruce Pine	No.....	N5
609	Stokes	Yes.....	Yes
610	Black Creek	Yes.....	No
611	Pinckard	Yes.....	No
612	W. T. Underwood	Yes.....	Yes
613	Lexington	Yes.....	No
614	Lewis	Yes.....	No
615	Abernethy	No.....	Yes
616	Perryville	Yes.....	Yes
617	Oak Grove	Yes.....	No
618	Battelle	No.....	No
619	Travis L. Bedsole	Yes.....	No
620	Queen	Yes.....	No
621	Fruitdale	Yes.....	Yes
622	Ironaton	No.....	Yes
623	Robert J. Redden	Yes.....	Yes
624	Samson	Yes.....	No
625	Lehigh	No.....	No
626	Dry Creek	Yes.....	No
627	Charles Haynes	Yes.....	No
629	McCormack	No.....	Yes
630	Luverne	Yes.....	No

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Sec. 1, Art 3 Sec. 21, Art. 6.

632	Franconia	Yes.....	No
635	Sonora	Yes.....	Yes
636	Birmingham Trmple	Yes.....	Yes
637	Citrouelle	Yes.....	Yes

List of Lodges Making no Report on the Proposition to Amend Section 1, Article 3 of the Constitution :

No	75	Cokerville.....	No.	416	Williamsburg
	79	Fredonia		419	Hilton
	88	Meridian Sun.....		446	Leeds
	172	Fellowship.....		473	Stanton
	198	Caledonia.....		583	Cedar Bend
	386	Trinity			

List of Lodges Making no Report on the Proposition to Amend Section 21, Article 6 of the Constitution :

No.	79	Fredonia.....	No.	416	Williamsburg
	88	Meridian Sun.....		419	Hilton
	172	Fellowship		446	Leeds
	198	Caledonia.....		473	Stanton
	386	Trinity		583	Cedar Bend

Whereupon the R..W.. Deputy and Acting Grand Master ordered the R.. W.. Grand Secretary to summon the Masters of the above named non-reporting Lodges to appear before the Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication, to give their reasons for failing to report on the proposed Amendments.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The R.. W.. Deputy and Acting Grand Master then announced the following Committees:

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE**COMMITTEES:****ON BY-LAWS.**

Walter Smith,
Louis M. Mosely,
Chas. A. L. Johnstone.

Louis J. Wright,
Jno R. Bethea,

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

John B. Christian,
John B. Lyons,
Samuel Stein.

George W. Coggins,
William L. Lee,

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Basil M. Hill,
John B. O'Bannon.

William R. Blair,

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R. W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

IN GRAND LODGE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock, R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master Ben M. Jacobs presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the R. W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of Tuesday evening were read and approved.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS
AND APPEALS.

W.: Brother James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, made the following reports which were severally adopted:

APPEAL OF BROTHER JOHN W. BULLARD FROM ACTION OF HILLABEE LODGE NO. 197.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

Brother John W. Bullard was charged by a brother of Hillabee Lodge No. 197 with unmasonic conduct under two specifications. 1st. That he did and would cast a black-ball for a reason that did not affect the character and qualification of the candidate. 2nd. That at a different time he declared that he had cast a black-ball for a reason that did not affect the character and qualification of the candidate.

The transcript contains only the charges, the testimony and the appeal, together with a statement by the secretary at the end of the testimony as follows: "From the above testimony Bro. Bullard was found guilty and as a punishment was indefinitely suspended" &c. There is nothing to show when or where the trial took place, who was present, or the opening and closing of the lodge.

The testimony utterly fails to prove either of the specifications,—no evidence whatever to support the charges.

Your committee therefore recommend that the action of Hillabee Lodge No. 197 in indefinitely suspending brother John W. Bullard be set aside and annulled and that brother Bullard be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPEAL OF BROTHER V. A. POOL FROM THE ACTION OF WILEY LODGE NO. 184.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.

Brother V. A. Pool was charged by the J.C. W.C. of Wiley

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Lodge No. 134 with unmasonic conduct under three specifications. 1st. That after admitting to brother A. N. Green that he was indebted to him, he subsequently wrote a letter to the lodge denying indebtedness 2nd. That brother Pool refuses to pay his dues to the lodge, if the lodge prefers charges against him. 3rd. That brother Pool refuses to pay a debt to a Master Mason, though he is able to do so.

There was a trial in August, 1908, brother Pool found guilty and the punishment fixed at expulsion and brother Pool appeals.

Two witnesses testify that they examined brother Green's books and they showed an indebtedness of a little over \$28.00. Brother Green testified that brother Pool contracted a debt with him for some lumber three or four years ago, and in the fall of 1903 promised to pay it when he sold his land, afterwards promised to pay it when he sold some cotton; that subsequently brother Pool had a sale and brother Green proposed to buy some things and let it go on what brother Pool owed him, that brother Pool told him the things belonged to his children; that brother Pool asked him (Green) to call for his dimit, and he told brother Pool the reason he had not asked for the dimit was that he had not paid him (Green); that he promised to pay him in April, 1906, if he would get his dimit; that the time passed for a month or two and he failed to pay; that he owed him (Green) \$28.00. There was no evidence whatever on the second specification, nor was there any evidence of the ability of brother Pool to pay the debt, if he owed it. If he was able to pay and owed the debt, the money could have been made by suit. The proceedings seem to be an effort to use the machinery of the lodge to collect a debt, which should not be encouraged.

Your committee recommend in view of the fact that neither specification is proven that the action of Wiley Lodge No. 134 expelling brother Pool be reversed and that brother Pool be acquitted of the charges against him and he be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF ROSEHILL LODGE NO. 253 FOR RESTORATION OF
JAMES L. STRAUGHN TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES
OF MASONRY.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M:

In October, 1903, James L. Straughn was tried and found guilty in Rosehill Lodge No. 253, of the offense of having sexual intercourse with the daughter of a Master Mason, a child 12 or 13 years of age, the sister of his wife, whose parents were dead and who was left under his care and protection; the lodge fixed the punishment at suspension for twelve months and the Worshipful Master appealed to this Grand Lodge from the punishment fixed and this Grand Lodge fixed the punishment at expulsion. (See proceedings 1904 page 101.)

Members of Rosehill Lodge now petition this Grand Lodge to restore the said James L. Straughn to all the rights and privileges of Masonry and this petition was submitted at the annual communication in 1905, just one year after this Grand Lodge had expelled him, and action on the petition was postponed until this Grand Communication. Two of the brothers signing the petition say they voted guilty on the original trial. On the original trial three-fifths of the members of the lodge voted expulsion, but not having the necessary two thirds, the punishment was fixed at 12 months as above stated.

Your committee have re-examined the evidence submitted on the former trial and in their judgment the action of the Grand Lodge was justified by the evidence and proper in the premises and we do not consider it to the good of Masonry or to the morals of the country to pardon so grave an offense with such short punishment.

Your committee therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge deny the petition of members of Rosehill Lodge No. 253 for the restoration of James L. Straughn to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

APPEAL OF BROTHER HENRY C. LEE FROM ACTION OF GOOD
SAMARITAN LODGE NO. 104.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

Brother Henry C. Lee was charged with unmasonic conduct under three specifications. First. Being intoxicated in open lodge. 2nd. Saying he would black ball a candidate for the E. A. degree. 3rd Refusing to vote for a candidate for the F. C. degree.

He, through a brother, plead guilty to the second and third specifications. He seems to have been tried, in his absence, on the first, but the transcript does not show whether he was found guilty or not, but does show that the punishment was fixed at indefinite suspension.

No appeal accompanies the papers except a statement in a letter from the Secretary that he was requested by brother Lee "to make an appeal to the Grand Lodge in his behalf."

The evidence of his drunken condition as shown by the transcript is undisputed, and while the proceedings as shown by the transcript were not entirely regular, yet your committee recommend that the action of good Samaritan Lodge No. 104 in indefinitely suspending brother Lee be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF GEO. F. SCRUGGS, FORMERLY OF PAINT ROCK

LODGE NO. 274 FOR CERTIFICATE IN THE

NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

Paint Rock Lodge No. 274 forfeited its charter in 1881, the last return being made in 1879. The name of brother Geo. F. Scruggs was on the return for 1877, none was made for 1878 and his name dropped from the return for 1879 and no reason given for omission. He desires a certificate so that he may affiliate with another lodge.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of \$3.00 a certificate in the nature of a dimit issue to brother Scruggs.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

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PETITION OF BROTHER CHAS. A. DAVIS FOR CERTIFICATE IN
THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

Brother Chas. A. Davis was raised in Aberfoil Lodge No. 181 in 1878 and his name appears in the returns up to and including 1893 as Charles M. Davis. In the returns of 1894, his name was drop'd from the roll and no reason given. Aberfoil Lodge forfeited its charter in 1896.

A certificate by H. L. Peebles of St. Johns Lodge No. 62 under the seal of that Lodge states that Charles A. Davis was a member of Aberfoil Lodge No. 181 at the time of the forfeiture of its charter, that he, Brother Peebles was a member and that there was no Charles M. Davis holding membership in the Lodge.

Your Committee recommends that on the payment of \$2.00 to the Grand Secretary, Brother Charles A. Davis be reinstated and that a certificate in the nature of a dimit be issued to him by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF BROTHER J. WHIT BONNER OF ROCK MILLS
LODGE NO. 353 FOR REINSTATEMENT AND CER-
TIFICATE IN NATURE OF DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

The records show that Brother J. Whit Bonner was suspended n. p. d. June 24, 1899: That Rock Mills Lodge No. 353 forfeited its charter in 1904, that the annual dues were 50 cents: Former members of the lodge say that the suspension was an error of the Secretary as the lodge invariably donated the dues to Brother Bonner because of his age, he being 80 years old, and quite feeble, but anxious to affiliate with another lodge.

Your Committee recommend in view of the facts that Brother J. Whit Bonner be restored to the rights and privileges of masonry and that the Grand Secretary issue to him, without charge, a certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PETITION OF JOHN W. CARTER, E. A. OF FRANKFORT LODGE
NO. 275 FOR CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

It appears from the testimony of some of the former members of Frankfort Lodge No. 275 that Brother John W. Carter was regularly initiated E. A. in that lodge but the records do not show the fact; that Frankfort Lodge No. 275 has forfeited its charter, and that Brother Carter desires to join another lodge.

Your Committee recommend that on the payment of \$1.00 to the Grand Secretary a certificate in the nature of a dimit be issued to Brother Carter by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF BROTHER JOEL MILLS FORMERLY OF NORTHPORT LODGE NO. 252 FOR REINSTATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

Brother Joel Mills was made a mason May 15, 1869, suspended for n. p. d. June, 1874: Northport Lodge No. 252 forfeited its charter in the year, 1900; the annual dues were \$2.00; he was out 26 years before the forfeiture and dues had accrued to the amount of \$52.00; he now petitions for reinstatement and certificate so as to affiliate with another lodge.

Your Committee recommend that on the payment of \$1.00 to the Grand Secretary, Brother Joel Mills be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry and that proper certificate be issued to him by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF BROTHER RICHARD C. BONDS FORMERLY OF
NORTHPORT LODGE NO. 252 FOR REINSTATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M.:

Brother Richard C Bonds formerly a member of Northport Lodge No. 252 was suspended for n. p. d. on June 24, 1898: Northport lodge forfeited its charter in the year, 1900; the an-

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nual dues were \$2.00 and but \$1.00 had accrued at the time of forfeiture. He now petitions for re-instatement so as to affiliate with another lodge.

Your Committee recommend that on the payment of \$2.00 to the Grand Secretary, Brother Richard C. Bonds be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry and that proper certificate be issued to him by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF BROTHER JOHN W. EUBANKS FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M:

Brother John W. Eubanks was formerly a member of Pine Level Lodge No. 202 which forfeited its charter in 1877; the name of Brother Eubanks was dropped from the roll some years before the forfeiture and no reason given

He is an old Confederate Soldier and desires to be re-instated so as to affiliate with some other lodge.

Your Committee recommend that Brother John W. Eubanks be re-instated and that the Grand Secretary issue to him, without charge, a certificate in the nature of a dimitt.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF ROBT. J. MAYFIELD, REUBEN K. GARDNER, SAMUEL P. EVANS AND GEO. W. EVANS FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M:

Brothers Robt. J. Mayfield, Reuben K. Gardner, Samuel P. Evans and George W. Evans were formerly members of Sipsey Lodge No. 350 and were suspended for n. p. d. at different times: Sipsey Lodge No. 350 forfeited its charter in 1895, after the suspension of these brethren; it appears that these brethren are old and infirm and desire to be reinstated to the privilege of Masonry.

Your Committee recommend that on the payment to the

Grand Secretary of the sum of \$3 00 each, that said brethren be restored to the privileges of masonry and that proper certificate to that effect issue to them by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

PETITION OF BROTHER HUGH L. W. TONEY FOR RE-INSTAMENT AND CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama—A. F. & A. M:

Brother Hugh L. W. Toney, formerly a member of Cluttsville Lodge No. 319 was suspended for n. p. d. several years ago. Cluttsville lodge forfeited its charter in 1897, and Brother Toney now petitions for re-instatement and certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Your Committee recommend that on the payment of \$1.50 to the Grand Secretary Brother Hugh L. W. Toney be re-instated and that proper certificate issue to him by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND CHARTER.

M. W. Brother James A. Bilbro offered the following resolution, which, on motion of R. W. Brother Lawrence H. Lee was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, with the request that said committee render report on same at three o'clock this afternoon.

Resolved, That a committee of three members of the Grand Lodge be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to ask the Legislature of Alabama to amend the act incorporating the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Alabama, approved Dec. 9, 1859, and the Act amendatory of said Act, approved March 17th, 1875, in the following particulars, viz:

Amend Sec. 1 of said amendatory act by striking out the words "not to exceed ten acres in quantity and two hundred thousand dollars in value."

Amend Sec. 5 of said amendatory act by striking out the words "not exceeding in value the sum of two hundred thousand dollars as the maximum of their assets respectively."

And by adding to said Act of Incorporation the following provisions:

"That a Masonic Home may be established and maintained within its jurisdiction, as hereinafter provided; that said Home shall at all times be subject to the supervision of the Grand Lodge and shall be for the benefit and support of indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons in its jurisdiction; that said Grand Lodge may from time to time prescribe and adopt rules and regulations for the proper conduct and management of said Home, and for the admission of indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons as members of the said Home, and that said Grand Lodge may receive by gift, deed or devise real and personal property of every kind, character and description for the benefit of said Home, and sell or dispose of it as in its judgment may be deemed advisable.

"That said Grand Lodge may make an assessment of fifty cents per annum upon each member of the subordinate Lodges in its jurisdiction to establish and maintain said Home, which said assessment may be from time to time reduced or reinstated after being reduced, as said Grand Lodge may determine.

"That all dues paid by the members of subordinate Lodges under said assessment and all property donated or purchased for said Home shall be held in trust by said Grand Lodge exclusively for the purpose of establishing and maintaining said Home, and all such funds or property shall be free from taxation.

"That the M. W. Grand Master of said Grand Lodge is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a site for said Home and erecting suitable buildings thereon and equipping the same for the uses and purposes herein provided for; that said bonds must not be sold for less than par and shall not bear a greater rate of interest than 5 per cent. nor run for a longer period than 20 years, and be of denominations not less than \$100.00; that said bonds shall be signed by the Grand Master of said Grand

Lodge, and attested by the Grand Secretary and the seal of said Grand Lodge.

"That the site for said Masonic Home shall be determined by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and the Past Grand Officers of said Grand Lodge, or a majority of them, at a meeting to be called by the Grand Master for that purpose; that the Grand Master of said Grand Lodge may, in his discretion, execute a mortgage on the property purchased for said Home and buildings erected thereon as a security for the payment of the bonds issued under this section; that the bonds issued under this section shall be free from taxation and shall be valid obligations of the Grand Lodge in the hands of the purchasers thereof and not assailable for any cause. Any subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge may be a purchaser of bonds herein provided for."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON R. W. DEPUTY AND ACTING
GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Brother John G. Harris, from the special committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was adopted, and the recommendations concurred in:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master, beg leave to submit the following report:

We congratulate the Grand Master upon the excellence of his address and the fine Masonic spirit running through the entire paper, and we commend it to the thoughtful consideration of the Craft.

We recommend as follows: That so much of address calling attention to the organization of new Lodges and the issuing dispensations and consolidation and removal of Lodges be concurred in.

That so much of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's address in reference to Anniston Lodge, be referred to the Com-

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mittee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and that they make their report at this Grand Communication.

That the decisions of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Concerning the restoration of Newberne Lodge, we recommend that a dispensation be issued to petitioners in accordance with Sec. 7, Art. 1, of the Constitution, and that said dispensation be issued to petitioners free of charge, and that at the next Annual Communication a Charter be granted free of charge, and also said petitioners shall be authorized to take charge of the regalia, furniture and fixtures of the old Lodge and also take charge of the old Lodge Hall as hitherto.

That so much of the address referring to Autanga Lodge No. 31, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, as recommended by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

Further, that so much of the address referring to salaries and appropriations, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. G. HARRIS,
R. M. CUNNINGHAM,
R. J. REDDEN,
Committee.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

On motion of W.: Bro. Geo. W. McElhiney, the hour for memorial exercises was changed from 10 A. M. to the first thing on the order of business after the re-convening of the Grand Lodge this afternoon.

On motion of W.: Brother Samuel Stein, the hour of 3:30 this afternoon was made a special order for the election of officers.

SURPLUS FUND COLLECTED ON ACCOUNT OF SAN FRANCISCO
SUFFERERS TURNED INTO THE W. AND O: FUND.

On motion of M.: W.: Brother Russell M. Cunningham, the surplus of \$583.88 collected on account of the San Francisco sufferers was directed turned

into the Widows and Orphans Home Fund, and invested in bonds of the Grand Lodge for account of said fund.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

W.: Brother Lew Lazarus, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following reports which were severally adopted :

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Alabama:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the R.: W.: Grand Secretary, George A. Beauchamp, and of R.: W.: Grand Treasurer, William H. Dingley, and find the same correct and neatly kept, also the funds of this Grand Lodge in their hands, and from such examination we find that the R.: W.: Grand Secretary has received and is properly chargeable with the following amounts, viz:

GENERAL FUND.

Grand Lodge dues collected since last report	\$ 8,228 50
Certificates	76 50
Rents collected	600 00
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	8,905 00

PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

Dispensations	\$ 954 00
Charters	568 00
Manuals	797 50
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	2,319 50

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Collections since last report	80 00
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Total receipts	\$11,254 50

All of which has been paid to the R.: W.: Grand Treasurer as is shown by proper vouchers.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary has received and is chargeable with the following amount as Contingent Fund :

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Amount received from Grand Treasurer... \$1,500 00

**Out of which he has paid the following sums
as per bills and vouchers :**

Printing and Stationery.....	628 22
Sundries	73 45
Light	154 48
Postage, Freight and Express	405 62
Janitor.....	285 25
Repairs	49 22
P. O. Box Rent	8 00
Water.....	18 50
Coal	62 43
Telephone and Telegrams.....	28 82
	----- 1,713 99

Leaving a balance due the Grand Secretary of..... \$ 213 99

Your committee further find that the R.
W. Grand Treasurer had on hand at our
last annual communication..... 7,224 69

Since that time he has receipted to the R.
W. Grand Secretary for 8,905 00

----- 16,129 69

Paid out on proper vouchers....

----- 8,297 44

Balance... \$7,832 25

To which add estimated dues to be collected 1,500 00

Charter fees

700 00

Dispensations

400 00

Fees for Certificates

75 00

Sale of Manuals.....

750 00

Rents to be collected.....

600 00

----- 4,025 00

Making an estimated total of

\$11,857 25

**Of this amount your committee recommend
that the following sums be appropriated
to defray the expenses of the current
year, viz :**

For salary of—

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Grand Secretary to be paid monthly....	1,800 00
Clerical assistance to Grand Secretary.	400 00
Grand Treasurer, to be paid quarterly.	200 00
Grand Lecturer	300 00
Grand Chaplain.....	25 00
Grand Tyler (this Communication)....	20 00
Grand Registrar, to be paid quarterly..	400 00
Chairman Committee on Foreign Cor- repondence, to be paid quarterly ...	200 00
Chairman of Committee on Suspen- sions, Expulsions and Appeals	50 00
Actual expenses of Committee on Work and Finance	200 00
Grand Secretary for amount paid out in excess of Contingent Fund	213 90
Contingent Fund for current year.....	1,600 00
Expences cf Grand Master.....	150 00
Washing and repairing aprons....	13 80
Porter for Grand Tyler.....	4 00
Library.....	300 00
Tyler for Committee cn Work this Com- munication	10 00
Repairing roof Masonic Temple	100 00
Repairing Grand Lodge Hall.....	250 00
	6,236 79

Leaving an approximate balance at the end of year of.....	\$5,620 46
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Your Committee has also examined the re- port of the Trustees of the Permanent Trust Fund and find that at the date of last report they had on hand a balance of	1,154 21
Received from Grand Secretary since.....	2,319 50

3,473 71

Out of which Bonds Numbers 19, 20, 21 and 22 have been purchased, canceled and burned.....	2,000 00
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Leaving a balance to the credit of this Fund of.....	\$ 1,473 71
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WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Balance on hand at last report.....	219 97
The Grand Secretary has since collected and paid to the Grand Treasurer.....	30 00
	— — \$ 249 97

Your Committee further recommend that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be and is hereby made for the special purposes and uses of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

LEW LAZARUS,
PERCY B. DIXON,
ROBT. S. TEAGUE,
Finance Committee.

To the M^{.'. W^{.'. Grand Lodge A. F & A. M. of Alabama:}}

Your Finance Committee to whom was referred that part of our Grand Master's address relative to the salary of our Grand Secretary and clerical assistance to the same, most respectfully report that these recommendations were embodied in the original report of this Committee. We therefore concur in the recommendations of our Grand Master.

LEW LAZARUS,
PERCY B. DIXON,
R. S. TEAGUE,
Finance Committee.

To the M^{.'. W^{.'. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama:}}

Your Finance Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to expenses of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, most respectfully report as follows.

That the actual expenses of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be paid by this Grand Body.

LEW LAZARUS,
PERCY B. DIXON,
R. S. TEAGUE,
Finance Committee.

To the M^{.'. W^{.'. Grand Lodge A. F & A. M. of Alabama:}}

Your Finance Committee respectfully asks that an amount sufficient to purchase an additional book case be appropriated;

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said book-case to be for the use of the Chairman of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and to remain the property of this Grand Body.

LEW LAZARUS,
PERCY B. DIXON,
R. S. TEAGUE,
Finance Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W.: Brother A. M. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the M. M. Degree and the report was adopted after being slightly amended.

The report on the F. C. degree made last evening, was also adopted after being slightly amended.

On motion of W.: Brother Angus M. Scott, a short recess was taken and voluntary contributions were received from the brethren, amounting to \$76.20, for the benefit of Brother John Killen, a member of Irondale Lodge No. 506.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE TIME OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

W.: Brother Dan A. Greene, offered the following resolution, which was on motion immediately put upon its passage, and adopted :

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge convene at 3 p. m. of the day set in the Constitution, and at that hour at all subsequent Annual Communications.

NAME OF SCOTT LODGE CHANGED.

On motion of R.: W.: Brother George A. Beauchamp, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the name of Scott Lodge No. 641, be and is hereby changed to Angus M. Scott Lodge, No. 641.

MATTHEWS HOME FUND.

The R.W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

To the M.W. Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alabama:

Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, A.F. & A.M. with the approval of the R.W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master, sent out a circular letter to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction soliciting contributions for the purpose of purchasing a home for the family of our deceased Grand Master M.W. Brother Henry H. Matthews, all money received to be expended under the direction of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

As all remittances have been sent to the Grand Secretary, I give below a statement of amounts received at this writing, showing by whom sent and when received:

August 21.	Received from Andrew Jackson No. 173 . . .	\$100 00
"	Andalusia,	434 . . . 10 00
"	George Morrow,	507 . . . 5 00
22	Guin,	478 . . . 5 00
"	Ariton,	171 . . . 5 00
"	Hickory Flat,	392 . . . 3 00
"	Newton,	224 . . . 2 00
"	Talladega,	261 . . . 10 00
"	Crozier,	78 . . . 1 00
"	Birmingham Fraternal	384 . . . 25 00
"	Georgiana,	285 . . . 5 00
"	Tuskegee,	57 . . . 10 00
23	Blocton,	474 . . . 10 00
"	Sepulchre,	233 . . . 2 50
24	Troy,	56 . . . 10 00
"	Ashford,	493 . . . 10 00
25	Santa Fe,	226 . . . 10 00
"	Nanafalia,	335 . . . 5 00
"	St. Johns,	62 . . . 10 00
"	McCormack,	629 . . . 10 00
"	Hartselle,	398 . . . 10 00
28	Carrington,	522 . . . 3 00
"	Heaton,	854 . . . 2 00
"	Asbury,	553 . . . 2 00

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	August 28.	Received from	Springville,	No.	280....	5 00
	"		Hewitt,		519....	5 00
	"		Fairmount,		238....	10 00
	"		Bridgeport,		543....	10 00
	"		Tuckabatchee,		96....	1 00
	29		Geneva,		129....	5 00
	"		Dry Creek,		626....	5 00
	"		Hartwell,		101....	5 00
	"		Echo,		345....	2 00
	31		Farrar,		8 ...	10 00
	"		Renfroe,		477 ...	5 00
	"		M. A. Wood,		600....	1 00
	"		Wylam,		492....	5 00
	"		Gaylesville,		256....	1 00
	"		Florence,		14....	5 00
	"		Davis Fraternal,		488 ...	10 00
	"		Brookside,		552 ...	10 00
Sept.	1		King Solomon,		460 ...	50 00
	"		Marshall,		209....	10 00
	3		Yorkville,		181....	5 00
	"		Unity,		186 ...	10 00
	"		Royal White Hart,		10 ...	5 00
	"		Bangor,		585....	5 00
	"		Anniston,		448....	10 00
	"		Coldwater,		148....	5 00
	"		Oliver,		834....	10 00
	"		Widow's Son,		72 ...	5 00
	"		Helena,		410....	5 00
	5		Social,		88....	5 00
	"		Dwight,		550....	5 00
	"		Rock Springs,		479 ...	1 00
	"		Blue Springs,		582....	2 00
	"		George Smith,		417 ..	5 00
	10		Montgomery,		11....	25 00
	"		Motley,		684 ...	5 00
	"		Burleson,		143...	2 00
	11		Cleveland,		499....	5 00
	"		Stokes.		609. ..	10 00
	"		North Birmingham,		591 ..	2 00
	"		Brighton,		595....	5 00
	"		Livingston,		41....	2 50

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Sept.	11.	Received from	Norris,	No	301....	10 00
	"		Henry,		91 ...	5 00
	"		Upshaw,		561....	3 00
	"		Sylacauga,		200 ...	10 00
	"		St. Albans,		23....	15 00
	"		Demopolis,		49....	27 50
	"		Hendrix,		162....	3 00
	"		Newburg,		888 ...	1 00
	"		Weogufka,		378....	2 00
	"		Lexington,		613....	2 50
	"		Shorterville,		422....	2 00
	"		Sam Dixon,		218....	10 00
	"		Monroe,		485....	10 00
	"		Downing,		580....	5 50
	"		Harrison,		246....	5 00
	"		Broomtown,		430....	5 05
	"		Mt. Willing,		471....	5 00
	"		Good Samaritan,		104....	5 00
	13		Doric,		406 ...	2 00
	"		Mt. Vernon,		489....	5 00
	"		Enterprise,		469....	5 00
	"		Union,		50...	5 00
	"		Rising Virtue,		4....	10 00
	"		Rising Sun,		29....	10 00
	14		Bear Creek,		320....	2 50
	"		Hardy Howls,		459....	1 00
	15		Dolcito,		508....	5 00
	17		Duke,		574....	5 00
	"		H. Clay Armstrong,		544....	1 00
	"		Hampden Sidney,		67....	5 00
	19		Beasemer,		458....	5 00
	"		Prince,		588....	5 00
	"		Falkville,		896 ...	2 50
	"		Hurtsboro,		346....	5 00
	20		Robert J. Redden,		628....	2 00
	"		Holly Grove,		323....	5 00
	"		Avondale,		476....	5 00
	"		Pleasant Site,		364 ...	2 00
	21		Mt. Moriah,		55 ...	5 00
	"		Charles Haynes,		627....	3 75
	"		Fayetteville Authentic,	163....		5 00

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Sept.	21. Received from	Bentley,	No.	607....	5 00
"		John Payne,		245....	1 00
"		Brilliant,		601....	5 00
24		Brundidge,		184....	5 00
"		Lake City,		377 ..	4 50
25		Clintonville,		188....	5 00
"		Mt. Carmel,		223....	5 00
"		Carney,		549....	5 00
"		Bullock,		276 ...	10 00
26		Reuben.		581....	5 00
"		Elkmont,		207....	5 00
28		Mt. Eagle,		185....	2 00
"		Forney,		440....	2 00
"		Mt. Union,		541....	5 00
"		Amberson,		412....	10 00
29		Travis L. Bedsole,		619....	5 00
"		Fredonia,		79....	1 00
"		Landmark,		187....	5 00
"		James River,		227 ..	2 00
"		Spring Hill,		536 ...	5 00
"		Georgiana Davis,		338....	5 00
"		Chattahoochee,		192....	2 50
"		Hopewell,		193 ...	15 50
"		Cullman Fraternal.		421....	5 00
"		Fulton,		98....	5 00
"		Wetumpka,		39....	5 00
9		Century,		587....	1 50
"		Hamilton,		344....	2 50
10		Lawrence,		248....	5 00
"		Abernethy,		615....	20 50
"		Auburn,		76....	10 00
12		Forest Home,		270....	5 00
"		Queen,		620....	3 00
"		Courtland,		37....	5 00
15		Lehigh,		625....	2 80
"		Athelstan,		389....	10 00
"		Isney,		563....	2 50
"		Sheffield.		508....	5 00
16		Mt. Pleasant,		266....	4 00
17		Putnam,		212....	6 50
18		Brown's X Roads,		529....	5 00

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Sept.	18.	Received from Hoke's Bluff,	470....	5 00
	20	Houston,	865....	1 00
	"	Honoraville,	251 ...	4 98
	22	Tunnel City,	578....	5 00
	"	Shelby,	140....	10 00
	23	Deatsville,	475....	5 0
	24	Almond,	523....	5 00
	26	Fort Deposit,	291....	10 00
	27	Lehigh,	625....	2 50
	"	Citronelle,	637....	5 00
	"	Crane Hill,	554....	2 00
	"	Searight,	540....	2 00
	29	Middleton,	527....	5 00
	30	Lewis,	614....	2 50
Nov.	5	Millport,	482....	1 50
	8	Prattville,	89....	7 00
	"	Greeno,	598 ...	10 00
	13	Rogersville,	147....	5 00
	"	North Border,	391 ...	1 00

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Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

November 15, 1906.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M.: W.: Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

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IN GRAND LODGE.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, December 5th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 o'clock, the R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master, Ben M. Jacobs, presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the R. W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Upon the reassembling of the Grand Lodge the first business was the memorial services held in memory of our late Grand Master, M. W. Brother Henry H. Matthews, of our late Senior Grand Deacon, W. Brother Edward S. Gatchell, and other brethren who had died in this jurisdiction during the year.

It was a most solemn and impressive occasion. The chair and station of the Grand Master and the altar, were draped in mourning, and every Mason present felt that a great affliction had been visited upon the Grand Lodge by the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, bowing in humble submission to His All-Wise Providence, feeling, however, sorrow and sadness at the departure of brethren whose lives had been of such great usefulness to the Craft in the State.

Addresses were made by Past Grand Masters John G. Harris and Russell M. Cunningham, Senior Grand Warden Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Tiler Charles A.

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Allen and W.: Brother William E. Bingham, and the exercises were closed with prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

On motion of W.: Brother Robert F. Lovelady, the Grand Secretary was directed to write letters of condolence to the families of our deceased Grand Master and Senior Grand Deacon.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of W.: Brother Joseph H. Edwards, the election of officers was then gone into, and the special report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was made the special order immediately following the election.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers with result as follows.

BENJAMIN M. JACOBS.....	Grand Master.
HUGH S. D. MALLORY	Deputy Grand Master.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Senior Grand Warden.
DANIEL A. GREENE	Junior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	Grand Secretary.
CHARLES A. ALLEN.....	Grand Tiler.

The Grand Master-elect subsequently announced the following appointments:

WILLIAM C. BLEDSOE.....	Grand Chaplain.
DAVID W. MCIVER.....	Grand Marshal.
JOSEPH H. EDWARDS.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
ERLE PETTUS	Junior Grand Deacon.
ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY.....	Senior Grand Steward.
JAMES ALEXANDER MOORE.....	Junior Grand Steward.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

M.-. W.-. Brother George P. Harrison, Chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following reports, which were severally adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolution of Past Grand Master James A. Bilbro with regard to making a request of the Legislature of Alabama to amend the Charter of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report unfavorably, for the following reasons:

1. The Constitution of Alabama of 1901, prohibits the amendment of the Act by the Legislature. (See Sec. 229 of Constitution of Alabama.)

2. Edict No. Four of this Grand Lodge is as follows: "The Grand Lodge has no right to tax its subordinate Lodges in any sum beyond the amount provided for in the Constitution, and Section 21 of the Constitution limits this tax to fifty cents per capita." It would therefore follow that even if the Legislature of Alabama could amend the Charter fixing an additional tax of fifty cents per capita, this could not be legally done without amending our own Constitution, and the method for doing this is provided by Article 8 of our Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of Right Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master Jacobs, rendered during the year 1906, beg leave to report that we concur with the Right Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master in all of his rulings from 1 to 15, inclusive, with the exception of decision No. 5. As to this decision we ask that ruling be postponed until the next Grand Communication, in order that we may prepare the necessary procedure controlling such cases, and in the meantime secure from the Right

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Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master the exact facts upon which said ruling was based.

We take great pleasure in congratulating the Right Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master upon the ability shown by the correctness of his rulings for the year, and commend the earnest labor that it required to do so.

Fraternally submitted,
GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the correspondence between the Right Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master of Alabama, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin, attached to which is the correspondence from Anniston Lodge No. 443, with regard to the funeral expenses incurred by Wisconsin Relief Lodge of Milwaukee, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same, and we heartily endorse the position taken by Most Worshipful Grand Master Bralley of Wisconsin, and we equally as heartily commend the position taken by the Right Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master Jacobs of Alabama. We recommend that Anniston Lodge be requested to pay the entire amount of the bill within thirty days from this date, and that in event said Lodge should refuse or fail to pay said amount in full within thirty days from date, by reason of inability or otherwise, that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount so unpaid by Anniston Lodge, and remit the same to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin, together with a copy of this report, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

In answer to the questions propounded to your Committee on Jurisprudence, we beg leave to submit the following report:

1. "Can an opened Lodge remain so until next day for the

transaction of special business, or must it be closed the same day as opened?"

A Lodge cannot be called off from one day to another. This does not mean a Lodge may not remain in continuous session until after the hour of midnight.

2. "Can a Lodge be opened 30 miles from its home for the purpose of holding Lodge burial service for a brother who died at this place and is to be buried outside of State?"

A Lodge should be opened at the place where it is located. It may then go to another place and conduct services, and then close at its location.

3. "Can a Lodge be opened without the Charter being present, for the purpose and under the conditions set forth in question 2?"

The answer to question 2, answers this. The Charter should be present when the Lodge is opened, but it need not be carried to the place of services or interment.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommend the adoption of the following edict:

"Masonry is neither a political nor a business organization, and no Mason should use the order or appeal to the brethren of the Craft to further his political or business aspirations simply because he is a Mason."

Fraternally submitted,
GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The Representatives of Grand Lodges, present, were received and welcomed to seats in the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 1.

W.: Brother James Alexander Moore, Chairman of

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the Committee on Dispensations No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted:

MONTGOMERY, A.I.A., Dec. 5th, 1906r

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations No. 1 beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books of—

Huffman Lodge, No. 633, Huffman, Jefferson County.
Motley Lodge, No. 634, Motley, Tallapoosa County.
Lanett Lodge, No. 656, Lanett, Chambers County.
George A. Beauchamp Lodge, No. 657, Mt. Sterling, Chocaw County.

The books are neat and records properly kept, and we recommend that charters be granted to said Lodges.

We have also examined the books of—

Nix Lodge, No. 647, Milner, Randolph County.
Webb Lodge, No. 648, Webb, Houston County.
Arkadelphia Lodge, No. 650, Arkadelphia, Cullman County.
Ranburne Lodge, No. 652, Ranburne, Cleburne County.
Excel Lodge, No. 655, Excel, Monroe County.
Whiton Lodge, No. 658, Crossville, DeKalb County.
Pythagoras Lodge, No. 659, Dothan, Houston County.

We recommend that said Lodges be allowed to continue under dispensation until our next Grand Communication.

We recommend that Charter be restored to Pfister Lodge No. 90, Thomaston, Marengo county, without cost

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEX. MOORE,
FREEMAN S. JENKINS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 2.

W.: Brother Walker S. Scott, from the Committee on Dispensations No. 2, made the following report, and it was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations No. 2, to whom was referred the records of

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Adamsville	Lodge,	No.
Garden City	"	628
Hacoda	"	631
James Mills	"	639
Sayre	"	640
Ben M. Jacobs	"	643
Fairview	"	644
Glenwood	"	645
Abernant	"	646
Black Rock	"	649
Lamar	"	651
Dement	"	654
Mount Ida	"	660
William H. Dingley	"	662
Sam Gibbon	"	639
Waterloo	"	642

And beg leave to report as follows: The books are neatly kept and we recommend that Charters be granted to said Lodges.

We have called attention by memoranda to any seeming omissions to the Secretaries where we could suggest improvements and left same in the minute books.

The Secretaries of Ben M. Jacobs Lodge, No. 643, and Glenwood Lodge, No. 645, deserve especial mention for the excellent condition of their records.

All the above records disclose that the craft are earnestly at work in good, prosperous communities, and we predict continued and substantial growth for all the above named Lodges.

We recommend that Celestia Lodge No. 653 be continued under dispensation, as they are still in debt for their building and desire to discharge same before obtaining a charter.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. LOVELADY,
R. D. WINDHAM, } Committee.
W. S. SCOTT,

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M.: W.: Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

IN GRAND LODGE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 5th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, the R.. W.. Deputy and Acting Grand Master Ben M Jacobs presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the R.. W.. and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

W.. Brother Chas. A. L. Johnstone, of the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 5th, 1906.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on By Laws beg leave to report that they have examined the By-Laws of the several Lodges submitted to them, and find the following to be correct:

Black Rock, No. 649.

Pythagoras, No. 659.

Lewis, No. 614.

Sayre, No. 640.

Angus M. Scott, No. 641.

That they have also examined the following, and find the following errors, the Numbers of the Edicts referred to being the numbers as shown in the Masonic Manual of 1905:

Sam Gibbons, No. 639, Article 6, Section 6, and Article 6, Section 8, conflict with Edict 58. Article 7, Section 2 conflicts with Edict 156.

Lamar, No. 651, Sections 7 and 8 conflict with Edict 58.

James Mills, No. 638, Article 3, Section 2, apparently con-

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flicts or could conflict with Edict 130. Article 5, Sections 1 and 2, and Article 6, Sections 1 and 2, and Article 6, Section 5, conflict with Edict 58

Glenwood, No. 645, Article 6, Section 6, conflicts with Edict 58.

Fairview, No. 644, Article 10, Section 6, conflicts with Edict 58. Article 11, Section 2, conflicts with Edict 156

Motley, No. 634, Article 1, Section 4, should be stricken out.

It conflicts with Section 1 of the same article and also with Edict 115. Article 5, Section 4, conflicts with Edict 58. Article 7, Section 1, regarding Dimits, conflicts with Edict 403. Article 8, Section 1, conflicts with Edict 156.

Mount Ida, 660, Article 2, Section 2, must be changed to conform to law as shown in Edicts 373 to 377. Article 8 Sections 3 and 6, conflict with Edict 58.

Ben M. Jacobs, No. 643: In Article 13, Section 3, if the appointive officers referred to means the officers of the Lodge, the word "officers" should be stricken out. If this is not the meaning intended it had better be rewritten to make the meaning absolutely clear.

Arkadelphia, No. 650, Article 3, Section 5, conflicts with Edict 525.

Celestia, No. 653, Article 2, Section 3, should be changed to show clearly that no conflict is intended with Edicts 207, 208, 209. Article 5, Section 1, second paragraph conflicts with Edict 58. Article 7, Sections 3 and 5 also conflict with Edict 58. Article 7, Section 4, conflicts with Edicts 371 to 378. Article 8, Section 2, conflicts with Edict 156.

Pfister No. 90: Art. 4, Secs. 2 and 5, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 6, Sec. 5, conflicts with Edict 156.

Wm. H. Dingley No. 662: Art. 6, Sec. 1, should be changed so as to conform to Edict 220. Art. 6, Sec. 3, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 9, Sec. 2, conflicts with Edict 156.

Whiton No. 658; Art. 2, Sec. 3, conflicts with Edicts 205, 206 and 207. Art. 3, Sec. 1, conflicts with Edict 144. Art. 7, Sec. 1, conflicts with Edicts 375, 376 and 377. Art. 10, Sec. 1, instead of "Communication" insert "regular Communication." Art. 17, Sec. 1, conflicts with Edict 58.

Waterloo No. 642: Art. 7, Sec. 4, conflicts with Edicts 481 and 278.

George A. Beauchamp No. 657: Art. 1, Sec. 1, conflicts with

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Edict 132. Art. 2, Sec. 2, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 4, Sec. 2, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 4, Sec. 7, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 4, Sec. 9, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 8, Sec. 1, conflicts with Edict 156.

Lanett No. 656: Chap. 3, Sec. 2, conflicts with Edict 58.

Excel, No. 655: Art. 5, Sec. 2, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 5, Sec. 4, conflicts with Edicts 207 to 210. Art. 5, Sec. 6, conflicts with the charge in the E. A. Degree and is against precedents. Art. 5, Sec. 7, conflicts with Edict 58. Art. 14, Sec. 1, conflicts with Edicts 412 and 413.

Your committee also beg leave to report that many of the new Lodges submitting By-Laws have adopted the By-Laws of some Lodge already in existence, with such changes as they may deem necessary. These old By-Laws in many cases do not conform to the Masonic law, a number attempting to fix the punishment for certain offenses or neglect of duty, in conflict with Edict 58 of the Code. We report this that all Lodges may examine their own By-Laws for such errors, and when found, they should amend them to conform to said Edict.

We recommend that the By-Laws above named, be approved, except as to the items above enumerated, and that as to these items the said Lodges be directed to amend them in conformity with the Edicts referred to.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER SMITH,
LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
JOHN B. BETHEA,
CHAS. A. L. JOHNSTONE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND
APPEALS.

W. Brother James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, made the following reports, which were severally voted on and adopted by the Grand Lodge:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

APPEAL OF BROTHER A. J. STRICKLIN FROM THE ACTION OF
FRESCO LODGE NO. 570. IN A CASE AGAINST HIM.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.:

Brother Andrew J. Stricklin was charged by a committee of Fresco Lodge No. 570, with immoral and unmasonic conduct under two specifications. 1st. That in the Federal Court at Montgomery and the Chancery Court of Dale county, Ala., he testified as a witness that brother James T. Eagerton of Fresco Lodge, was a man of bad character and that he would not believe him on oath.

2nd. That he went to a hotel in Pinckard with a woman of bad character, registered in a fictitious name as husband and wife and lodged in the same bed with her.

A trial was had and on the 2nd specification he was acquitted. On the 1st specification he was found guilty and the punishment fixed at indefinite suspension, and Brother Stricklin appeals.

During the progress of the trial the evidence as to character was ruled out by the W. M. under an alleged agreement or on account of the irregularities in taking it.

The charge set out in the first specification is not a Masonic offense unless it is actuated by malice or an intent to injure a brother. Knowledge of character is formed from the way a man is received and esteemed by his neighbors; what they say of him and other matters may enter into it.

A witness called to testify in a court of justice must tell the truth under oath or be guilty of perjury. If he is conscientious in the belief that the general character of a person is bad he should so state when asked the question. All of the character evidence was ruled out. The appellant should not be discharged because of this improper ruling or on a technicality.

Your committee therefore recommend that the action of Fresco Lodge No. 570, be reversed and that Brother A. J. Stricklin be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry until the further action of the Lodge; that the case be remanded to Fresco Lodge No. 570, with directions that said Lodge proceed with a new trial of said charge when all legal and proper evidence may be before the Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary so notify Fresco Lodge. Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE.

Chairman

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

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To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.:

Your committee to whom was referred a petition of members of Ben Sims Lodge No. 461, and also a resolution of said Lodge, beg leave to report that the representative of said Lodge asks to withdraw the same, and we recommend that the request be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

Chairman

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

W. Brother John B. Christian, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following reports, which were severally voted on and adopted by the Grand Lodge :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama,
A. F. & A. M.:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the matter of loss of Charter of Missouri Lodge No. 146, at Perote, Ala., beg leave to recommend that a duplicate Charter be issued them without cost.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JOHN B. LYONS,

G. W. COGGIN,

W. L. LEE,

SAM STEIN,

Committee.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State
of Alabama:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a communication from M. A. Wood Lodge No. 600, with reference to a refusal of Sayre Lodge No. 640, to allow the members of said M. A. Wood Lodge No. 600, to visit them. After interviewing representatives of the respective Lodges, beg

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to report that the matter has been amicably settled between those said Lodges, and recommend that the matter be dropped.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the complaint of Dallas Lodge No. 228, against Caldwell Lodge No 502, do respectfully report that the representatives of these two Lodges have appeared before your committee and stated that the matter has been adjusted. We therefore recommend that said charge be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the application of Mahan Lodge No. 490, for remission of Grand Lodge dues for the year 1906, on account of the cyclone of Nov 18th, 1906, which destroyed their Lodge and property, would respectfully report in favor of the same; and the annual dues from said Lodge to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, for 1906, be and the same are hereby remitted.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

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*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State
of Alabama:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the resolution recommending that the 2nd Sunday in June be set apart as Memorial Day, to pay respect to departed brethren, beg leave to report unfavorably on the same. We would recommend that subordinate Lodges use their own pleasure as regards such memorial days.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State
of Alabama:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was submitted the resolution to donate to Angus M. Scott Lodge No. 641, now working under dispensation, the Jewels, paraphernalia and other property belonging to Chandler Lodge No. 367, now defunct, beg leave to report favorably on said resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State
of Alabama:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the letter from G. L. Sharrets, W. M. of Sonora Lodge No. 635, in which he states that he was about to start to the Grand Lodge when his wife was taken seriously ill, thus preventing his attendance, and in which he asks that his Lodge be excused for non-attendance of a representative, beg to

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recommend that said Lodge be excused for failure to have a representative at this Grand Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the resolution to donate the amount of \$14.00 here-to-ore paid by Daviston Lodge No. 283, for dispensation (said Lodge No. 283 being now defunct), to Motley Lodge No. 634, would respectfully report favorably on the same, and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge is hereby authorized to pay said amount to said Motley Lodge No. 634.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition from Norris Lodge No. 301, of Brewton, Ala., that Bro. E. V. L. Finch, who was indefinitely suspended by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, at its session in 1905 (see page 74, Proceedings 1905), be reinstated, would respectfully report that after carefully considering all the documents in this case, report favorably on the same. It is therefore—

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That Brother E. V. L. Finch be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the following petitions, viz: Anna Norton Lodge No. 569 of Banks, Alabama; Prince Lodge No. 588, of Coleanor, Ala.; Lewis Lodge No. 614, of Midland City, Ala. and Slocomb Lodge No. 599, of Slocomb, Ala., for the issue of duplicate Charters in lieu of the original Charters of said Lodges, which have been lost, would respectfully report that after a careful consideration of said applications we report favorably on the same, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to issue duplicate Charters to the above named Lodges without costs or fees to said Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the application of Sepulga Lodge No. 233, of Starlington, Butler county, Ala., to remove said Lodge from Starlington, Butler county, Ala., to New Hope, Conecuh county, Ala., (9 miles west), would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same and report favorably thereon, and Sepulga Lodge No. 233 of Starlington, Butler county, Ala., is

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hereby authorized to remove said Lodge from Starlington, Butler county, Ala., to New Hope, Conecuh county, Ala.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the excuse of Victoria Lodge No. 573, of Adger, Ala., for non-representation at this Grand Lodge session, would respectfully report that said excuse should be received and that Victoria Lodge No. 573, of Adger, Ala., is hereby excused for non-representation at this Grand Lodge session.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

W. Brother John B. Christian, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the complaints of Miss Grace Jones against Autauga Lodge, No. 31, would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same and have had before us the representatives from this Lodge with their records, but as the matter is one that it seems to your committee should be most carefully dealt with, your committee therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized, empowered and directed to appoint a committee of three (3) Past Masters of subordinate Lodges near

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Antauga Lodge No. 31 to fully investigate and report to the Grand Master on this matter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. CHRISTIAN,
J. B. LYONS,
G. W. COGGIN,
W. L. LEE,
SAM STEIN,

Committee.

On motion of R.: W.: Brother Ben M. Jacobs, (Past Grand Master Robert J. Redden, presiding), the report was amended by referring the matter to a special committee, composed of W.: Brothers John B. Christian and John B. Lyons, and that the expenses incurred by said committee in investigating said matter be paid by the Grand Lodge.

And the report as amended was adopted.

LETTER FROM BROTHER WILLIAM W. MC'COLLUM.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from Brother William W. McCollum, thanking the Grand Lodge for its kindness in recommending his ballot-box, and same was received and ordered filed.

**RESOLUTION TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF REINSTATEMENT
TO BRO. ISAAC S. MILLS, SR.**

W.: Brother Madison W. Rushton offered the following resolution, and on motion, it was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a certificate of reinstatement in the nature of a dimitt to Brother Isaac S. Mills, Sr , a suspended (n. p. d.) member of Luverne Lodge, No. 488, now defunct, without cost, in view of the fact that he is very old and unable to pay for same.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE THE COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS
AND GRIEVANCES A STANDING COMMITTEE.

R.W.: Brother George A. Beauchamp offered the following resolution and, on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Propositions and Grievances shall be made a standing committee, which shall be composed of five members, to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master at each annual communication.

DONATING THE PROPERTY OF DEFUNCT LODGE TO ARKA-
DELPHIA LODGE NO. 650.

Brother Samuel M. Williams offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Be it Resolved That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Alabama, donate the hall and other property that belonged to Walker Lodge No. 286 (now defunct, which was located at Arkadelphia, Ala.) to Arkadelphia Lodge No. 650, also located at Arkadelphia, Ala., now working under dispensation.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO GRAND TILER.

R.W.: Brother Lawrence H. Lee offered the following resolution, and, on motion, it was adopted:

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, That the sum of five dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, not otherwise appropriated, payable to the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, to cover the expenses incident to the convening of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of conducting the funeral of the late M.W. Grand Master, Henry H. Matthews.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 21, ARTICLE 6 OF THE
CONSTITUTION.

Brother Hinds Peevey offered the following resolution to amend Section 21, Article 6, of the Constitu-

tion, and, on motion, the question was submitted to the Grand Lodge, and more than one-third of the members present voting in the affirmative, the matter was submitted to the Subordinate Lodges for approval or rejection as provided by Article 8, of the Constitution.

Be it Resolved, That section 21, of article 6, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Alabama, be amended as follows:

By striking out the words "shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge," and inserting in lieu thereof as follows:

"Shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than one dollar, of which fifty cents for each member of the subordinate Lodge shall be set apart as a fund to be used for the establishment of a Masonic Home, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for indigent Master Masons in good standing and widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons who at their death were members of and in good standing in a subordinate Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The balance of said dues, namely, fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge.

Provided, however, That this Grand Lodge may hereafter, in its discretion, reduce the assessment herein provided for said Masonic Home.

TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT FUNDS AND TO WAGE
A CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION IN THE INTEREST OF A
MASONIC W. & O. HOME.

Brother Hinds Peevey introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the Grand Master shall appoint a committee of three Past Grand Masters, who shall be empowered and whose duty it shall be to receive gifts and donations of property of all kinds towards the establishment and institution of a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and to hold same until the

next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge when a report shall be made to same.

Be it further Resolved, That the Grand Master shall appoint a committee of not less than five nor more than fifteen members, of which he be a member, whose duty it shall be to wage a campaign of education throughout the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge on the proposed constitutional amendment this day introduced; that is to say—section 21, of article 6. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama —, and whose further duty it shall be to solicit and receive offerings and contributions from the Masonic fraternity in their several districts toward the establishment and institution of a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and turn same over to the Committee of Three Past Grand Masters appointed for that purpose.

RELATIVE TO DISTRICT LECTURERS.

W. Brother Austin E. Ledyard offered the following resolution, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

WHEREAS, it is the earnest desire of the Grand Lodge of Alabama that all the members of the subordinate Lodges be as near perfect in the work as careful instruction and due study can bring about,

Be it Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the District Grand Lecturers to visit each Lodge in their respective districts at least once each year, for the purpose of instructing the craft.

Be it further Resolved, That the D.G. Lecturer give the Masters of the various Lodges ample notice of his visit, and that they may summon the members of their Lodges for this instruction.

Be it further Resolved, That the Lodge receiving the benefits of this instruction shall pay the expenses of the Lecturer during stay and to and from the said Lodge.

W. Brother Dan. A. Greene, of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge: Your Committee, to whom was referred the foregoing resolution, beg leave to report the same unfavorably, for the following reasons:

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1st. The law now requires the Grand or District Grand Lecturer to visit any subordinate Lodge, when requested by such Lodge, the expenses to be paid by such Lodge.

2d. Said resolution imposes a tax on each subordinate Lodge in excess of the dues required by the Constitution, which is in violation of edict 4.

Fraternally submitted,

D. A. GREENE, Acting Chairman.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.. W.. Brother Russell M. Cunningham, Past Grand Master, duly installed the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers, W.. Brother David W. McIver, Grand Marshal assisting.

M.. W.. Grand Master Benjamin M. Jacobs announced the following standing committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE..

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

GEORGE P. HARRISON.....Opelika.

ROBERT E. STEINER.....Montgomery.

JESSE M. CARMICHAEL.....Ozark.

MADISON W. RUSHTON.....Luverne.

HINDS PEEVEY.....Birmingham.

ON FINANCE.

LEW LAZARUS.....Birmingham.

PERCY B. DIXON.....Mobile.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....Montgomery.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

JAMES T. GREENE.....Anniston.

WALLACE W. HARALSON.....Fort Payne.

JOHN S. GUYTON.....Sulligent.

ON PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

BENJAMIN M. JACOBS.....Birmingham.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....Montgomery.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....Montgomery.

ON WORK.

ANGUS M. SCOTT.....Headland.

WILLIAM W. DAFFIN.....Grove Hill.

WILLIAM A. ARNOLD.....Clio.

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HEZEKIAH G. EARNEST Piedmont.
 SAMUEL W. TATE Anniston.

ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 1.

CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE..... Mobile.
 FREEMAN S. JENKINS..... Bankston.
 JOHN L. WHITE..... Guin.

ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 2.

ROBERT F. LOVELADY..... Pratt City.
 WALKER S. SCOTT Birmingham.
 RICHARD D. WINDHAM..... Henderson.

ON BY-LAWS.

WALTER SMITH..... Tuscaloosa.
 LOUIS M. MOSELEY..... Union Springs.
 LOUIS J. WRIGHT..... Talladega.
 JACOB BLEY..... Demopolis.
 JOHN B. BETHEA..... Birmingham.

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN Uniontown.
 JOHN B. LYONS..... Opelika.
 GEO. W. COGGIN..... Fayette.
 WILLIAM L. LEE..... Columbia.
 SAMUEL STEIN..... Bessemer.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

W.: Bro. F. L. Zimmermann, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Mr. Joseph Richardson, Chairman of the South-eastern Passenger Association, and the Railroads belonging to said Association, which he so efficiently represents, for their generosity in transporting delegates to this Communication of the Grand Lodge at reduced rates.

On motion of W.: Bro. James T. Greene, the thanks of this Grand Lodge were directed to be communicated by letter to Mr. T. D. Jackson, Manager of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and also to the American Trust and Savings Bank of Birmingham, Alabama, for courtesies

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extended during the collection of contributions for the California sufferers.

MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the R. W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, Brother William C. Bledsoe, the Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction, was closed in Ample Form, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master's gavel fell at 10:30 o'clock, p. m., on Wednesday, December 5th. 1906.

*Worthy Secretary:
Grand Jury*



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Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

—BY—

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Alabama :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submit the following report :

Grand Lodge Proceedings have been examined as indicated by the list which follows :

Alberta	1905	Manitoba	1906
Arizona.....	1905	Maryland.....	1905
Arkansas	1905	Massachusetts.....	1905
British Columbia.....	1906	Michigan	1906
California.....	1905	Minnesota.....	1906
Canada	1905	Mississippi	1906
Colorado.....	1905	Missouri	1905-1906
Connecticut	1906	Montana	1905
Delaware	1905	Nebraska	1906
District of Columbia.....	1905	Nevada	1906
England	1905-1906	New Brunswick.....	1906
Florida	1906	New Jersey	1906
Georgia	1905	New Mexico	1906
Idaho	1905	New South Wales	1905
Illinois.....	1905	New York	1906
Indiana	1906	North Carolina	1906
Indian Territory.....	1905	North Dakota	1906
Iowa.....	1906	Nova Scotia	1905
Ireland.....	1905	Ohio	1905
Kansas.....	1906	Oklahoma	1906
Kentucky.....	1905	Oregon	1905-1906
Louisiana	1906	Pennsylvania	1906
Maine	1906	Prince Edw. Island.....	1906

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Quebec	1906	Texas.....	1905
Queensland	1906	Utah.....	1906
Rhode Island.....	1905	Vermont.....	1906
South Australia.....	1906	Virginia.....	1906
South Carolina.....	1905	Washington.....	1905
South Dakota.....	1906	Western Australia	1906
Tasmania	1905-1906	West Virginia	1905
Tennessee.....	1906	Wisconsin.....	1906
		Wyoming.....	1905

ALBERTA.

On the 12th day of October, 1905, a new Grand Lodge was organized at Calgary in the "North West Territories," the Lodges of which theretofore had been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. A neat little pamphlet, conveying this information, lies on our table. In the preface to said pamphlet we find the following:

"The inception of the Grand Lodge of Alberta may be considered as the natural result of Masonic expansion, and political or geographical necessity."

"Previous to 1905, the Lodges of the 'North West Territories' of Canada were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and it is both pleasing and worthy of the best traditions of our Royal Craft to be able to recognize that the formation of a separate Grand Lodge has been considered inevitable by the Mother Grand Lodge for several years past; and that the act of final separation has been, also, most regrettably, but kindly and fraternally assisted in every possible manner by the officers and members of Manitoba."

"The political changes which culminated in the division of the old North West Territories into the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan on the 1st September, 1905, precipitated the division of the Manitoban Grand Lodge; for though it was long considered by many brethren that the large number of Masonic Lodges in the Canadian 'North West', and their separation by hundreds of miles from the central authority necessitated a change, the spirit of loyalty was so strong that nothing short of absolute necessity could change it." * * * *

"No better exemplification of the beauties of Masonry can be adduced than the fact that W. G. Scott, Esq., the M.W. Grand Master of Manitoba, personally undertook the long journey to Calgary, in order to be present and invest the Grand Master of Alberta with authority over this Western Province of Canada, and on behalf of the mother Grand Lodge, to felicitate its offspring on arriving at maturity."

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Everything seems to have been done in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and this youthful Grand Body begins its career as a sovereign Grand Lodge under most favorable auspices. We only await formal request for recognition in order to recommend that it be accorded, official notification of the *geographical change* being received.

Bro. Geo. Macdonald, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.
Bro. J. J. Dunlap, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

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24TH ANNUAL—FLAGSTAFF—NOVEMBER, 1905.

Bro. George Shands, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.
Portrait of Grand Master Shands is found on the initial page of this volume.

Lodges 19—Members 1,292—Net gain 101. Fifteen Chartered Lodges were represented at this Grand Communication.

Grand Master Shands being absent on account of illness, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Edwin S Miller sat in the Oriental Chair. Ten Past Grand Masters evinced their interest in Masonry by being present at the meeting, as also did the Representatives of twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama was "not in it".

Deputy Grand Master Miller read the M.'. W.'. Grand Master's annual address.

The Grand Master, in said address, answering a request for information on certain points, intimated—

First: That in the absence of the Master, his authority is vested in the Senior Warden if the latter is present.

Second: That the Lodge is not a collection agency. Purely business transactions should not be lugged into the Lodge. If, however — “took from the brother, in his official capacity, certain sums of money, issuing a duplicate of deposit for same, and failed to give him credit upon the books of the bank, then he is guilty of offense against the laws of the Territory and should be dealt with accordingly.”

“3d. If charges are pending against a brother in good standing, he should not be granted a dimitt until such charges are disposed of”—To be sure.

The following is unique—so far as our knowledge extends:
A communication from the Grand Lodge “Valle de Mexico”

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requested that admission as members or visitors be denied, in the Lodges of Arizona, to fifteen members of "Ermilio G. Cañon" Lodge, Nogales, Sonora, who had left that Lodge *without applying for dimits*, and who had applied to the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R., for the purpose of forming a new Lodge. Well! some of the ways of Masons in Mexico are "peculiar".

"For good reasons shown," he had granted a dispensation to — Lodge, No. —, to reballot on the petitions of two rejected candidates. The "reasons shown" should be *remarkably "good"* to admit of reopening the ballot.

The Grand Master had instructed the V. W. Grand Secretary to procure 25 pamphlets for use of the Lodges, said pamphlets containing lists of the Regular Lodges of the United States, Great Britain, Ireland, British Possessions and Cuba. The pamphlets had been received and distributed.

Such lists should hang in the ante-room of every Lodge.

Grand Secretary Geo. J. Roskruege reported that "all the returns had been received and, with the exception of one or two slight omissions, had been correctly and neatly prepared."

The Grand Treasurer reported total cash on hand \$5,949.34, of which \$2,633.39 belonged to the General Fund, and \$3,315.95 to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The resources of Grand Lodge made a grand total of \$16,737.34.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge, approved the Grand Master's dispensations and decisions.

A new regulation, providing for Life Memberships, and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, was approved by that committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The several reports of the other committees were adopted.

The city of Phoenix was selected as the next place for the Annual Communication.

There was no annual report on Foreign Correspondence, but a Committee on Correspondence was appointed. Perhaps we shall have a report therefrom next year. In our opinion, the Grand Lodge of Arizona made an egregious blunder in dispensing with the services of Bro. Charles D. Belden as reviewer of sixty jurisdictions.

At a suitable juncture, the Grand Representatives present were introduced and welcomed in the usual manner. M. W. Brother Morris Goldwater, Representative of the Grand Lodge

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of California, in responding to the address of welcome, referred to the action of the Grand Lodge of California, doing away with the Representative system, said action being taken on recommendation of the "appendix vermiciformis" committee on address. He also intimated that the Law Committee of said Grand Lodge, at the next session, had reported said action as void, and Grand Lodge had adopted its report. The writer "is in the same boat" with Bro. Goldwater; but we apprehend that our Representative heads are still on our shoulders. If such is not the fact, we must, of course, acquiesce.

Bro. Edwin S. Miller, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. George J. Roskruge, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

Our compliments to Bro. Roskruge on this volume so well "got up."

ARKANSAS—63D REGULAR—LITTLE ROCK—Nov., 1905.

Bro. Styles T. Rowe, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges on roll 475, Lodges U. D. 23, number making returns 445, number of lodges paid dues 418, members 17,480, net gain 723, number of honorary members thereof 1,395, amount of dues \$12,315.00.

Two emergent communications had been held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones—one at Stuttgart, for a church; the other at Hot Springs, for a Court House.

At the Regular Communication, all the Grand Officers, fourteen District Deputies, seven Past Grand Masters and Representatives of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, Bro. J. H. Westerfield representing Alabama, delegates and representatives to the number of 531, representing 426 Lodges, were enrolled by the Committee on Credentials.

Under the head Necrology the Grand Master, in his address, stated that, though the official ranks remained unbroken, 332 of the brethren had died during the year. After a touching poetical quotation, he said:

"To the widows and orphans of our departed brethren we tender our deepest sympathy, pray the richest blessings upon them, and that as Masons we may ever be mindful of the solemn duties we owe them."

He had granted dispensations for organizing twenty new

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Lodges; also a great number of special dispensations for different purposes such as to elect and install officers, ballot for candidates out of time, and "to lay one or two corner-stones."

He reported no decisions, all questions asked having been answered by reference to the uniform code; and, figuratively speaking, snapped his finger at the Committee on Law and Usage, because there was no ruling for it to reverse.

The Grand Master is an earnest advocate for a Masonic Home. He says:

"It is gratifying to note that, after paying all expenses, we will have on hand something over \$17,000.00 upon which to operate for the establishment of an Orphan's Home. This approximate amount is Grand Lodge funds, and does not include voluntary contributions. It will not be long until we will have money sufficient to build or buy a Home. I have examined with some care the report of the Committee on Masonic Orphan's Home, which includes the proposed edict for the establishment of an Orphans' Home, and in my humble judgment it meets the requirements of the hour."

From the body of this address we extract the following short paragraph:

"For one to say, 'I belong to the church or to the Masons,' is easy; but what the world needs to-day are real Christians and real Masons.

"Masonry in the world, not circumscribed by the walls of the Lodge; Masonry awake, not asleep; Masonry alive, not dead; Masonry full of activity, not a stagnation. Yes, a living, breathing, active, acting Masonry in the mind and heart of each individual member, at work in his own life, his conversation, his conduct, his family, his home, his church and his country."

On the subject of physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees, the Grand Master takes his stand upon strict construction of the requirements of the landmarks, viz: that the candidate "shall be a man, unmutilated, freeborn and of mature age."

The report of Grand Secretary Fay Hempstead is thorough and complete—nothing omitted, due attention being given to every subject. It is noted that he had recorded sixteen charters granted at the last communication.

For several years he has stimulated rivalry among the Lodges by reporting the three Lodges making the best showing during the year. If, in their eagerness to increase membership, Lodges

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do not fail to carefully scrutinize new material, this competition will prove to be beneficial.

The Grand Treasurer's receipts—including balance on hand (\$42 60) at last report—were \$12,870.85. After all warrants paid, he held a balance of \$565 47.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala was withheld until next meeting of the Grand Lodge, on account of imperfect knowledge of the condition of Masonry in that foreign jurisdiction; but on recommendation of the same committee, Grand Lodge did to Queensland Grand Lodge what the whale did to Jonah. Well, it is to be trusted that it will not have to do as the great fish subsequently did with the prophet.

Recognition was also extended to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, but was withheld from the two bodies, each claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Greece, for further consideration. Still lacking sufficient information in regard to "Argentine Grand Orient of the Blue Rite," the committee recommended that Grand Lodge "make such disposition" of the application therefrom "as the importance of the question demands." The committee's entire report was adopted.

An edict was proposed, the object of which was to allow any Past Worshipful Master to open and preside over a Lodge in the absence of the three principal officers. It was referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage.

On this proposed edict the last named committee reported adversely. Report adopted.

The same committee (Law and Usage) also reported adversely on a resolution requiring visitors to Lodges to show receipts from the subordinate lodges to which they belong, showing them to be in good standing in their Lodge. Adopted.

The Grand Master had urged the repeal of an edict allowing maimed persons to be made Masons. The majority of the Committee on Law and Usage did not concur, but a minority report, the object of which was to effect the repeal of said edict, was adopted.

The several reports of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances were adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to eighteen Lodges U. D., and

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dispensations were granted for foundation of two Lodges, but a third was refused on account of proximity of two other Lodges; Biennial sessions of Grand Lodge are to continue.

The highly appropriate report of the Committee on Memorials was concurred in.

An "edict for the establishment of an Orphans' Home" was adopted after careful consideration, and with some amendments to the same. The edict is too long to copy here, but is a carefully prepared plan for the establishment, maintenance and control of said institution.

We heartily congratulate our Brethren of Arkansas upon the bright prospect as regards early establishment of a Home.

The address of the Grand Orator (15 pp.) received the thanks of Grand Lodge, and was ordered to be presented in the minutes. We will not attempt a synopsis of this address. The orator starts at creation of the world and comes down through the ages to the present time. We quote a line or two, as follows:

"And it matters not what critics and skeptics may say. The truth will remain unchanged by time and unimpeached by logic, that Freemasonry and the christian religion are the basis of the modern greatness of this republic to-day."

No review of proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges. A portrait of the Grand Master-elect, and a view of the home of Albert Pike, grace these pages.

Bro. A. B. Grace, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Fay Hempstead, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.**35TH ANNUAL—VICTORIA—JUNE, 1906.**

Bro. Thos. J. Armstrong, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges 38—Lodges U. D. 3; total membership 3,051; gain 220. Three portraits of Grand Masters, including the present one, adorn the opening pages of this well executed volume of proceedings.

A special Communication had been held, August 26, 1905, A. L., for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a church.

Roll call, at the opening of the 35th Annual Communication, revealed the fact that all the Grand Officers and a quorum of

members were present together with eight Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions, not including Alabama. Where was Bro. W. A. Haslam, our mouth-piece, Bro. De Wolf Smith?

The Annual Address of Grand Master Armstrong is a model of conciseness; moreover it embraces all subjects demanding attention at his hands, and has the merit of directness.

During the year he had granted a number of dispensations—only one of them to waive time in acting on petitions for the degrees, but had refused requests for permission to shorten time for conferring the degrees—"to confer two degrees on a candidate in one evening," and "to take a new ballot on a candidate who was blackballed through spite of a member. This member was subsequently tried for unmasonic conduct and reprimanded."

Was the "unmasonic conduct," for which he was tried, disclosing his ballot? No one besides himself had any right to know how he voted.

The Grand Master had granted permission to organize two Lodges U. D. He had made quite a number of official visits, with profit to the craft and pleasure to himself.

Of his ten decisions, all of which appear to be sound in conformity to Masonic law; we excerpt a few, as follows:

"Question 1. Does the suspension of a Brother (a member of a Lodge in British Columbia) by his Lodge in Ontario for non-payment of dues affect his standing here?"

"Answer. Yes." (Dual membership is lawful in B. C., as well as in England.)

"Question 3. At a regular meeting of Lodge No. 35, one of the members refused to cast his ballot. Is it necessary for all members present to vote?"

"Answer. Yes."

"Question 6. Is it unconstitutional to hold Lodge and do general business in the absence of the Worshipful Master, and with the Senior Warden in the chair, and no Past Master present?"

"Answer. No." In Alabama, the proper answer would be yes. [Art. vi., sec. 6, Conet. 25-26-200, Edicts and Decisions]

"Question 8. Does the loss of the little and ring fingers of the right hand bar a person from making application to a Lodge?"

"Answer. No."

"Question 9. Is an applicant having only one eye eligible for Degrees?"

"Answer. Yes."

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The Grand Master's rulings are delightfully laconic. Some other Grand Masters might not without profit follow his example in this regard.

From his remarks under the heading of "General Matters" we learn that he authorized the purchase of \$261 00 worth of provisions to be sent to San Francisco, as soon as he learned of the terrible disaster which visited the city in April last.

Practical brotherly love--charity, is the best feature of Masonry.

The Special Committee on the address approved all the Grand Master's decisions except No. 8--little-finger and ring-finger decision. The committee would have disapproved No. 9, but for the fact that Grand Lodge decided to the contrary last year.

Brethren, broaden your views on P. Q. The thoughtful reader can see with half an eye that decision nine is proper.

The Committee approved the Grand Master's various official acts, the aid sent to San Francisco included.

In regard to one of the dispensations refused--that for a new ballot--the Committee encountered the same question that the writer had met, viz.: How came the fact of casting the black-ball to be known? The Committee thought that if the member voluntarily disclosed his ballot, a reprimand was too light a penalty. So think the writer.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer held, June 14, 1906, balance in bank to amount of \$2,945.86. On same date, balance on hand was \$3,391.69 on the Charity Account.

The Grand Secretary reported all the work for 1905 closed up and fees for same paid. He stated that the returns from Sub-ordinate Lodges were received in good time and contained few errors, most satisfactory, considering that 18 new secretaries took office the first of the year. In his abstract of returns from Lodges it is found that the total of relief afforded members, widows and orphans, and transients amounted to \$1,724 50.

The Annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received, adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings. On recommendation of the same Committee the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, being of legitimate parentage; practically the choice of all the Lodges in the territory affected; and having the present Grand Lodge of Manitoba stand as its sponsor, was gladly welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

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On recommendation of the same Committee, fraternal recognition was denied to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico on account of illegitimate birth and on account of the evil practices of its ancestor.

On favorable report of Committee on Petition and Grievances, charters were granted to two Lodges U. D., and one was continued U. D. another year.

The address of the V. W. Grand Chaplain, from the text, "The Lord is my light" (Psalm xxvii.), though short was eloquent and ingenious.

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Brother W. A. De Wolf Smith is one of the ab'est reviewers in the Guild of Correspondents.

He, in his introduction, pertinently says, in regard to the recognition of the "Grand Lodge of Queensland."

"Recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland is not making much progress, although it is certainly obtaining recognition from some of the American Grand Lodges. It has also been recognized by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Those American Grand Lodges (with the exception of Illinois, which is usually very conservative in such matters) which have recognized the new Grand Lodge will recognize anything in the way of a Grand Lodge without enquiring too closely into its antecedents, but the fact that the Grand Lodge of Queensland was formed by a small minority of the Lodges in the Province, and the further fact that certain of its leaders were suspended or expelled masons at the time of its formation (and are so yet) have been sufficient to cause the more conservative Grand Lodges to withhold recognition for the present. New South Wales has got into trouble over its connection with the New Grand Lodge, Scotland having suspended relations with it, and England being likely to follow suit."

Alabama, 1905 is generously given over five pages of fraternal mention. Alluding to the dispensations granted, the reviewer says:

"As a general thing the dispensation of a Lodge expires at the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge, but Alabama may have some law of its own on the subject. Another peculiarity about these Lodges under dispensation in Alabama is that they are given numbers."

We are not aware of any such peculiarity as Bro. De Wolf Smith names. With us the dispensation expires when Grand

Lodge convenes again; and we give the Lodge a number with the Charter when one is granted.

Referring to the decision in regard to one who could not read or write, our good Brother, in fancy, beholds such a person, having been admitted and ultimately reaching the high office
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of W. M., signing the minutes thus: "John x Smith."
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Brother De Wolf Smith cannot agree with Acting Grand Master Jacobs' decision denying the right of a dimitted Past Master to preside or confer degrees.

Our Acting Grand Master's 3rd decision was as follows:

"A profane petitions and is duly elected to receive the E. A. Degree. Before initiation objection is made thereto, and he is not permitted to proceed, and both his petition and fee are returned to him. Afterwards the objection is withdrawn. It was held that the Lodge may and should confer the degree, without going through the form of another petition and election." Bro. Smith thinks "the objection acts in the same manner as a black-ball, and closes the incident for the time."

We agree with the writer that, in the Queensland matter, the action of the District Grand Master was very arbitrary. He says that the District Grand Master, English Constitution, has passed away, and that probably his successor will be more liberal minded.

May it so prove! Bro. Smith agrees with the writer in the opinion that "it is the almost universal rule that a new Grand Lodge must command the allegiance of at least a majority of the Lodges in the Territory." He fails to find any report on the writer's recommendation that recognition be withheld until a majority of the Queensland Lodges join the movement, by our Committee on Jurisprudence, to which said recommendation was referred. Doubtless that Committee will report thereon at our next annual.

As to our difference of opinion in regard to the effect of reversal, by Grand Lodge, of sentence passed on a defendant by a subordinate Lodge, Bro. De Wolf Smith says:

"There is no use arguing the case when the organic law of the Grand Lodge of Alabama has made up its mind on the subject." Agreed.

He says we made the "slight mistake of calling one of our

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(their) Past Masters Simon Duke instead of Simeon Duck." We are sure that he will harbor no resentment against us because the P. D. made us convert a "Duck" into a "Duke."

In the matter of the man who builds a store for a liquor seller, or who rents it to him; and of the farmer who sells corn to the distiller, we have presumed that the farmer does not, in general, know the destination of his grain; but we are frank to say that if he farmer sells his corn for the express purpose of its being made into whiskey, then he should be included in the black list.

We are under obligation to Brother Smith for his complimentary reference to our report, and are encouraged by his saying: "with most of his expressed opinions we heartily agree."

With ourselves, our Brother has "always believed that a majority of the Lodges in the Territory" must cooperate, and that the number taking part must be *not less than three*, in order to form a Grand Lodge.

Under Nevada, alluding to Bro. Vanderleith's contention that dues should be charged to those suspended N. P. D., he says:

"Brother Vanderleith, we regret to see, is of those who hold that dues should be charged against a suspended Brother. In replying to Brother Titcomb of Alabama who holds a different view," he says: Then quoted Bro. Vanderleith's argument, to which we have elsewhere referred, and continues thus:

"A Brother who can pay his dues should pay them as long as he receives a *quid pro quo*. When he is suspended he ceases to participate in the benefits of Lodge membership, and has nothing to pay for. To say that the "rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry" are waiting for him, is nonsense, as they were just as much waiting for him before he became a member of the institution. Brother Vanderleith's position on this question remind us of a brewer in the town who, upon meeting us one day, said: "Doctor, when are you going to pay me for that barrel of beer?"

"Beer?" we said, "we have had none from you."

"No," he replied, "but it was there for you if you had wanted it."

Brother Smith does not believe that non-recognition of one Grand Lodge by another by any means deprives individual Masons of the respective jurisdiction of their rights as Masons. In such case should the right of visitation be included?

Under Oregon, he commented on Brother Hodson's reply to our question as to whether or not Grand Masters positively ex-

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isted prior 1717. In another part of our report we have copied Brother Hodson's reply, hence we omit reference to Numa Pom-pilius, to Edwin presiding over the Grand Lodge of York in 928 and to Sir Christopher Wren as gourney of the Lodges of London, in the rebuilding of that city after the great fire, and quote Brother De Wolf Smith as follows:

"The only trouble is that neither instance furnishes the desired proof. The gathering at York in 928 is purely legendary, and no proof exists that it ever was held, much less that it partook of the nature of a Grand Lodge. Sir Christopher Wren's connection with the Masons is equally mythical and there is nothing—outside of a reference in Dr Plat's History of Wiltshire and Anderson's Constitution of 1738—to show that he was even a Mason. The statement that he presided over the craft was not made until several years after his death, when Dr Anderson, in his constitution of 1738, included him in his list of Grand Masters. This list of Anderson's embraces such celebrated Englishmen as Austin the Monk, St. Swithin, St. Dunstan, Henry VII, and Cardinal Wolsey, while among the "for eigners" who have attained this distinction are Nimrod, Moses, Solomon, Nebuchadnezzar and Augustus Caesar. There is just as much proof that any one of these was Grand Master as that Sir Christopher Wren ever occupied the office."

Thanks, Brother, for your elucidation of this vexed question. We would like to present our readers with Brother Smith's discussion of the right of A. and A. S. R. to create symbolic Lodges. but must "hold up." Our paper is becoming too long.

Bro. James H. Schofield, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. R. E. Brett, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

56TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—OCTOBER, 1905.

Bro. George W. Hunter, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Total number of Lodges 299—Membership 31,619—gain 2,105.

On the initial page of this volume is a very dignified looking portrait—that of Grand Master Hunter.

When roll was called, a quorum of Grand Lodges was found present, as well as all the Grand Officers, together with eighteen Past Grand Officers, of whom fourteen were Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master's address, which covers about thirty pages of this volume, is full of interest. We shall not pretend to

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make a synopsis of it, or to summarize the same, but merely refer to a few points in this document.

During the year, 19 special Communications had been held—two for dedicating Masonic halls, and seventeen for laying corner stones. Eight dispensations to form new Lodges had also been granted.

Referring to the rapid increase of the Fraternity of California in numbers, he trusts that it is not "caused by a desire to make Masonry popular, and by resort to improper methods." He believes it may be attributed in large measure, to the general prosperity which still prevails in his State; also to the attractions it has in the way of natural resources, climatic conditions, educational advantages, business opportunities, and generally as a State "most suitable for homes." He well says:

"There is something in Masonry which attracts men; it should be left to them, however, to say whether they wish to join us or not. There should be no solicitation whatever. Let them come of their own free will."

Referring to the Masonic Home, the Grand Master has nothing but praise for the excellent Superintendent and his wife, and for the splendidly located Home itself, which he says "should be the pride of the Masons of California." But he wishes the Craft to look squarely in the face, the fact that the Home can never become self-supporting.

"The cost of maintaining the Home is quite a tax upon the Lodges, and to some of them an actual burden." He counsels strict economy in the management of the Institution.

Grand Master Hunter submitted fifteen decisions, with which we cannot find fault.

Under the head "Hawaii and Maui Lodges," he says:

"Near the beginning of the year a communication was received from Bro. John G. Rothwell, Master of 'Hawaiian' Lodge No. 21, asking me as a personal favor to Bro. J. J. Smiddy, who had obtained the first degree in 'Hawaiian' Lodge, that the other two should be conferred upon him by 'Maui' Lodge at Walluku. This brought up the subject of the standing of 'Maui' Lodge, the right of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to establish it upon the Islands at the time it did, and its relation to the Masonic Grand Bodies within the United States, and more particularly to Grand Lodge of California."

His reply to said communication is too lengthy to be copied

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here, suffice it to say that he prohibited interchange of courtesies as to conferring degrees, between the two Lodges in Hawaii, under California's jurisdiction and the 'Maui' Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, leaving it to the Grand Annual to say whether or not he had done right in this regard; also to pass upon the regularity and legitimacy of "Maui" Lodge.

In the able and exhaustive report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, passing upon the action of the Grand Master in this matter, we find the following, which will we think interest students of Masonic law and usage :

"Your committee has had under consideration the report of the Grand Master as to his correspondence with the Master of our 'Hawaiian' Lodge, No. 21, of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, relative to the Masonic standing of 'Maui' Lodge at Walluku, H. T., a subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The question arose because of the desire of a candidate who had been elected to receive the degrees in our 'Hawaiian' Lodge, and who had there received his First Degree, to have the other two degrees conferred by 'Maui' Lodge at the request of, and for 'Hawaiian' Lodge. This, of course, could only be done in the event that 'Maui' Lodge was a regularly constituted Lodge lawfully existing in the Hawaiian Islands."

"The sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands was transferred to the United States of America on August 12, 1898, and they have ever since constituted territory of this country. At the time of such transfer, no Masonic Grand Lodge ever having been organized therein, there were in such territory two subordinate Lodges holding charters from our own Grand Lodge; one, 'Pacific,' holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and one, 'La Progress,' holding a charter from the Supreme Council of France. All of these Lodges continue to exist therein, holding their allegiance to their respective Grand Lodges, and no Grand Lodge has ever been organized therein."

"On September 22d, 1904, 'Maui' Lodge was granted a charter or dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and has continued to act thereunder. No question appears to be made as to its legitimacy and regularity other than than the single one raised by the contention that by reason of the fact that the Hawaiian Islands constitute American territory, no foreign Grand Lodge—and by 'foreign Grand Lodge' is meant any Grand Lodge outside of the United States of America—has now the right to charter any Lodge therein, that we must regard the establishment of any new Lodge therein by any foreign Grand Lodge as an invasion of the jurisdiction of each of our American Grand Lodges, and, regarding the Lodge so established as illegitimate, not allow any Masonic intercourse on the

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part of the members of our Lodges with those of the Lodge so established."

"It will readily be seen that the question thus presented is a most important one, but, fortunately, in view of the interests involved, it is not, in our judgment, difficult to determine."

We can afford only space to take, as it were, a snap shot at the able argument of the committee, which, further on, said:

"It is not claimed that the Hawaiian Islands were not open Masonic territory up to the time of the transfer thereof to the United States of America. The only question then is, as to whether that transfer brought them within the territorial jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge. It is plain that it did not. We have no Grand Lodge of the United States of America—no body exercising Masonic control over all territory of the United States. Each State and each territory, with the exception of one or two, has its own Grand Lodge, exercising supreme control and having exclusive territorial jurisdiction within the limits of said State or territory." * * * * *

* * * * "Our American Grand Lodges have no collective territorial jurisdiction."

The committee recommended that its report "be adopted as embracing the views of Grand Lodge upon the subject under discussion."

The foregoing report, as well as all the reports of the Jurisprudence Committee, was concurred in and the recommendation adopted.

In the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted, is one recommendation as to printing the Proceedings, which is, in our opinion, eminently wise, viz:

"1st. Omit therefrom the rosters of the various Lodges, and insert in lieu thereof a tabulated statement showing the number and name of each Lodge, together with the names of the Master and Secretary thereof, and date and place of meeting."

While we regard this as wise, we look upon another recommendation as otherwise. It is as follows:

"3d. That the Committee on Correspondence limit the extent of its report so that the same shall not exceed fifty pages; and that the same be confined to a digest of facts concerning other jurisdictions which may be of special interest to California Masons."

In other words the Committee on Correspondence is to become a statistical clerk.

Our review of Past Grand Master Wm. A. Davies' report on

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Correspondence was written before the arrival of the California proceedings. In that review we ventured to express the wish that he would reconsider his intention to resign the Chairmanship of the Correspondence Committee; but in view of the action taken by his Grand Lodge in relation to reports on Correspondence, we beg to recall that expression of our regret at his resignation.

A proposed "General Regulation" requiring a Junior Warden elect to produce before he can be installed, a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or from the Inspector of his District, that he is qualified to give the work and lecture of the First Degree; and requiring a Senior Warden elect, to produce a similar certificate of qualification as to the First and Second Degree before he can be installed, goes over until the next Annual for consideration.

We have necessarily omitted much of interest in this fine volume of proceedings, but will try to do better next time (D. V.)

By the way, we would much like to see that part of the report on Correspondence which was not suffered to go into print.

Bro. Motley H. Flint, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Geo. Johnson, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master, Bro. Wm. A. Davies' Report on Correspondence for 1905 has reached us well in advance of the proceedings of his Grand Lodge, which have not yet arrived. His report, like all of its predecessors, as a concise but thorough summary of the various volumes received by him, is equalled by but few, and excelled by none.

Alabama, 1904, received more than three pages of kindly, fraternal notice. After having made an excellent synopsis of the Alabama proceedings, Brother Davies very kindly refers to the writer's report on correspondence, and replies to our enquiry concerning Grand Master Henderson's recommendation, "that the matter of appointing Representatives of the Grand Lodge, residing at or near other Grand Lodges, be abolished," declaring it "a useless, cumbersome custom, and promotive of inharmony."

"As to wherein the appointment of representatives is "promotive of inharmony," Bro. Titcomb, we can only give you the dull school boy's answer—"Please, sir, we don't know." On the

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contrary, we do believe and have the experience of more than half a century of active Masonic life to back up the assertion that the representative system has been most effective for promoting harmony between the Masonic jurisdictions of the world by directing the attention of leading active Masons to their different construction of fundamental laws governing the usage and customs of the craft, controlled primarily by a genuine desire, above all else, for a united Masonic sentiment among all Masonic jurisdictions; and we know, further, from observation and experience, that "inharmony" has perhaps been caused by the neglect of representatives who have accepted the honorable position only to discredit it by neglecting its duties, and in some cases within our knowledge, by belittling the importance of the appointment."

"We hardly think Grand Master Henderson meant to say that the Representative system was promotive of 'inharmony,' yet the action of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, at the ensuing session, might warrant the assertion; for, in that, although the subject was not mentioned by the Grand Master, the Committee appointed to segregate and refer matters mentioned in the address to the appropriate committee," volunteered the following: Then follows the "Appendix-veruuniformis" recommendation of the Committee, giving, as the Committee vainly imagined, a death blow to the Representative system so far as concerns California." Brother Davies continues:

"The report was approved, as the Committee supposed, and thus was wiped out the Representative system of this Grand Lodge; in other words, it was doing by indirection that which probably could not have been done directly—a bad kind of legislation. Of course there was a colored gentleman around somewhere, but where was he housed?"

Investigation of said "woodpile" would hardly reveal his "whereabouts." Bro. Davies finished his remarks on this matter with the following conjecture:

"We shall probably hear more of the matter at the ensuing session."

We never, for one moment, supposed that Brother Davies was a party to this attempt at doing away with Grand Representation. We have held his opinions in too high esteem for that. But we wished to set him right before our Alabama Brethren.

To his conclusion our eminent Brother attaches the following clipping addressed "To Our Co-correspondents:"

TO OUR CO-CORRESPONDENTS.

The following report was made by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and concurred in by the Grand Lodge, on the question

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raised by the Chairman on Correspondence referring to the action of the Grand Lodge in 1904—abolishing the Grand Representative System:—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the action of this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication of 1904, relative to representatives have had the same under consideration and report as follows:—

The Grand Master ever since the adoption of the Constitution in 1859 has been vested with the authority and power "To appoint Representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives from them," and such is now the provision of our Constitution.

Should this Grand Lodge desire to abolish this custom and withdraw this power from the Grand Master it can only do so by an amendment to the Constitution properly presented and adopted by the Grand Lodge. The recommendation of the Committee on Grand Master's Address as adopted at the Annual Communication of 1904 did not accomplish such purpose and was an illegal attempt to amend the Constitution.

To the end that this matter may be properly submitted to this Grand Lodge by an amendment to the Constitution, if so desired, and that this attempted legislation no longer encumber the record, we offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication of 1904 in adopting the following report and recommendations—

"It will be patent to anyone who will give the matter of the appointment of Representatives to and from other Grand Bodies proper consideration, that this custom is as useless as the 'appendix vermiciformis' is to the human body. It seems to us that the custom must have originated in the desire to decorate members with a mere title. The only proper way for one Grand Lodge to communicate with another is through the Grand Masters. Your committee can see no necessity for the continuance of the custom, and therefore recommend that it be abolished. Many of the Grand Lodges are dispensing therewith, and we think the Grand Lodge of California should do likewise," be and the same is hereby declared to be illegal and the same is reversed and set aside and our Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to notify all Grand Bodies of this action of our Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. ANGELOTTI,
WM. S. WELLS,
JAS. B. STEVENS,
THOMAS FLINT,
CHARLES W. NUTTING,

} Committee.

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Brother Davies then proceeds to explain how the action of his Grand Lodge—1904 was brought about.

Well! Well! So our decapitation as Representative of the great, influential Jurisdiction of California is not a fact. We must confess a thrill of pleasure on receiving this information. Our pleasure is, however, clouded by the following announcement by our dear Brother:

"Realizing that this attempt to sacrifice the reputation and standing of the Grand Lodge of California in the Masonic world may be successful, the undersigned, who has devoted nearly fifty years of his life to the service of the Grand Lodge of California, lays down that particular quill, and responds earnestly to his Brethren and friends,"

"Good bye and God bless you.
WILLIAM A. DAVIES, Chairman."

"San Francisco, Oct. 1, 1905."

Brother Davies, the Fraternity cannot spare you. Could you not be induced to reconsider your determination to finally lay down that pen which has ever been so valuable to the craft, and so true to the principles of Masonry?

That "committee" should hide its head in shame.

CANADA.

(IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.)

50TH ANNUAL—HAMILTON—JULY, 1905.

Lodges, 390; membership, 35,000, circa.

Bro. Benjamin Allen, M. W. Grand Master.

On the initial page of this volume appears, in full regalia, a portrait of Grand Master Elect, Bro. James H. Burritt.

In his able address, Grand Master Allen informs us that from the date of organization of Grand Lodge, in 1855, the number of Lodges has increased from 40 to 390; the membership has grown from 1,500 to about 35,000. "Beginning with funds not even sufficient to purchase regalia for its Grand Officers, and with an initial balance sheet showing receipts of only £93 and disbursements of but £64, Grand Lodge finds itself to-day, as the result of the sound policy of its rulers, possessed of a well invested capital of over \$110,000.00, while its Grand Treasurer presents a report for the past year showing receipts of \$39,362.85 and disbursements of \$32,209.49." And he further shows that

Grand Lodge's Benevolent Fund has steadily grown to such proportions that about \$14,000 00 has been paid out for the relief of the needy and deserving of the craft during the past year.

The Grand Master paid generous tribute to the guests of Grand Lodge, among whom was P. G. M. Wm. A. Sutherland, of New York, who is also Honorary P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Brother Sutherland's response to the address of welcome was exceedingly happy, as also were the responses of Bro. John Rawson, M. C. W. C. Grand Master of Michigan, Bro. Chas L Stevens, P. G. M. of Michigan, and Bro. Hungerford Smith, Representative near the G. L. of N. Y.

Fifteen especial communications had been held during the year, of which three were to lay corner stones, five to constitute and consecrate Lodges, and seven to dedicate Lodge Halls.

The Grand Master's visitations were interesting and no doubt profitable.

During the year seven Lodges had been chartered, four continued under dispensation, and dispensations had been issued for five new Lodges.

More than 150 other dispensations had been issued, the list of which is found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master did not favor Canadian Lodges working degrees in sister jurisdictions.

Among the rulings we note the following:

"The Master of a Lodge U. D., who resigns his office before the granting of the warrant, has no right afterwards to a seat in The East and confer degrees."

"The Master of a Warranted" (chartered) Lodge who resigns his office before his term has expired, has no right to sit in the East and confer degrees."

"In both these cases the Worshipful Master must have served twelve months as Master of a warranted Lodge in order to rank as a Past Master."

With these two rulings we can find no fault. Another ruling decides that, in the absence of the three principal officers, a Past Master present may open and preside in a Lodge. Not so in Alabama. Our Lodges cannot be opened in the absence of the Masters and both Wardens, except by Grand Master, or some one deputed by him so to do.

In another decision the Grand Master ruled that a brother did

not have the right to speak in favor of the candidate before the ballot is passed the second time. At first blush we would say, "correct"—and, probably, at the second also.

Of 133 dispensations issued by him, 52 were for permission to Lodges to attend divine service.

Under the head of Benevolence, the Grand Master said:

"During the year the sum of \$14,000.00 has been distributed in benevolence to some 316 recipients, and at the present time cheques are made out and will be sent within the next few days, to the amount of \$5,910.00" *** "making in all about \$20,000.00 paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, besides what has been done by the subordinate Lodges." *** "Last year the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund amounted to \$5,019.22; this year the sum of \$16,000.00 has been added, making in all the sum of \$21,000.00, or over 20 per cent. of the total amount" (\$100,000.00) "asked for."

We have quoted these brief passages to show that the benevolence of our Canadian Brethren is of the active kind—not of the passive.

The Grand Treasurer's balance sheet, May 31, 1905, exhibits debentures and cash in bank to the amount of \$118,188.52.

Grand Secretary Hugh Murray (P. G. M.) is a painstaking model officer.

The Reports of the District Deputies, covering 261 pages, are exhaustive, in detail, a picture of the condition of the several Lodges. By reading these reports, brethren may become intimately acquainted with conditions all over the jurisdiction.

The Historical Address by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the occasion of the Semi-Centennial celebration of Grand Lodge, is a very valuable contribution as to Masonic research. The student will find it very instructive. By the way, Bro. Robertson positively asserts that there were no Grand Lodges prior to 1717. Under the head of "The Earliest Records," he gives out the following:

"Hughan says that as early as 1600 the names of speculative members are to be found in the records of some of the operative Lodges."

"The records of the Masons' Company in London from 1620-1 show conclusively that although that company had charge of operative work, yet within its precincts and under its wing there was a speculative Lodge, whose members were 'Accepted Masons,' whereas those of the company proper were 'Free-Masons.'"

"The combination of the two prefixes, 'Free and Accepted,'

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was brought about toward the end of the seventeenth century, though as a matter of fact the term 'Free and Accepted Mason' is not met with in print before the Grand Lodge era of 1717." *** "There were speculative Lodges in England long before the era of Grand Lodges—the Lodge in the Masons' Company, another at Washington, near Liverpool, in Lancashire, where Chas Ashmole was initiated in 1646, and the several old Lodges which existed elsewhere in England for many years prior to 1717."

"The earliest operative Lodge minutes preserved in Scotland are those of the Lodge of Edinburgh, better known as Mary Chapel. These minutes date from 1599, and with the exception of thirteen years are complete from 1599 to 1905."

Would that we had space to quote Brother Robertson's account of Masonry in Canada, but we must close with the following episode, in respect of quality in the Lodge:

"It is recorded that on one occasion, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Quebec, a brother, in speaking to a question, addressed the Prince as 'Your Royal Highness,' whereupon the Grand Master called him to order and said, 'There are no Royal Highnesses here. We are all brethren.' "

Yes, we truly meet on the level, and in the Lodge are, Masonically, all of equal stature.

Brother Robertson's conclusion was eloquent in word and thought.

We pass much in these proceedings entitled to close attention for the sake of economizing space.

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The Report on Correspondence, made by P. G. M. Henry Robertson, was, as usual, an able review of the proceedings of all the sister jurisdictions coming under his vigilant inspection, Alabama-1904 included.

He says, concerning physical qualifications of candidates:

"The rule that is generally accepted and that has common sense to recommend it, is that if a candidate can literally comply with all the requisites of the ceremonies, he is physically qualified; otherwise not. The physical perfectionists who require absolute bodily perfection, are being led into all sorts of absurd positions."

Bro. Robertson is a close observer.

Bro. James H. Burritt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Hugh Murray (P. G. M.) R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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45TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Bro. Benjamin L. James, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Lodges, 107; members, 10,997; net gain, 438. This volume is embellished with a portrait of Bro. Chas. Fremont Painter, Grand Master Elect, and with one of George Keith Kimball, Grand Master 1887.

Present at the Communication under review—the Grand Officers, twenty-four Past Grand Masters, a full representation of the subordinate Lodges, and the Representatives of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master fitly welcomed the Grand Representatives present, and M.'. W.'. Bro. Jas. R. Killian's response on behalf of the Representatives, was happily conceived and well expressed. Alabama's Representative, M.'. W.'. Bro. Foster, present.

Before noticing the Address of the M.'. W.'. Grand Master, it may not be amiss to state that, during the year, two Emergency Communications were held for Masonic burial—one being for the funeral of Bro. Calvin E. Reed. J. G. W. and one for that of Bro. Oliver A. Whitteman, Past Grand Master and P. G. S. Also two Called Communications for dedicating Lodge halls, and two for laying corner-stones.

In his complete and well arranged address, the Grand Master takes occasion to admonish Past Masters as to the duties from which they are not released by their passing of all the chairs. In this connection he well says:

"It is a great mistake for a Past Master to allow, for a moment, the idea to fit through his mind that his work is done; it is never done, and his opportunities for accomplishing good in Masonry after he has passed the chairs, are as great, and even greater than when he was in office. Brotherly love grows cold, and our love for the Order wanes except we continually meet our Brethren and attend Communications of our Lodge."

His next remark, aimed at investigating committees, incites us to repeat what we have several times said, viz.; that misuse of the *white* ball works far greater harm to the Fraternity than reprehensible use of the *black* ball.

The Grand Master had granted no dispensations for new Lodges.

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Of his twenty-nine special dispensations, fourteen were for waiving time in conferring degrees.

He intimated that the hasty reading of the Constitution and By-Laws, in compliance with Sec. 18, Art. xix., at a Communication held within two months after the Annual Election, did not produce the desired results, and recommended that Sec. 18, Art. xix. be so amended as to read as follows:

"It shall be the duty of every officer in each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to read or listen to the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado, within two months after the Annual Election, and report to the Master his compliance with this By-Law."

This would be excellent if it went a little further, and required each Master to report said fact to the Grand Secretary, who shall also be required to read, in Grand Lodge, the list of Lodges whose officers have complied with said By Law, they exhibiting to the Craft all failures to perform this duty. That would be a real "campaign of education." The Grand Master made 20 visitations. With his few decisions we can find no fault.

On inspection of the Grand Treasurer's report we find that his total cash on hand amounted to \$22,689.09.

The Grand Secretary's report is a fine specimen of painstaking work. In 1881 there were 3 Lodges and 87 members; in 1905 there are 107 Lodges and 10,997 members in the jurisdiction of Colorado,

We note that in the list of Proceedings received during 1904-5, Alabama is credited with Grand Lodge—1904, Grand Chapter—1904, Grand Commandery—1905.

A resolution to amend the By-Laws so that Sec. 21, Art. 9, which requires every newly made Master Mason to stand an examination on his proficiency, in open Lodge, shall read as follows: "Every newly made Master Mason shall be required to satisfy the Master of his Lodge of his proficiency on the lesson of the Degree within three months after the date on which he received the Degree," was presented and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Trustees Benevolent Fund shows total receipts as \$9,240.20, and total Permanent Fund Investments as \$9,400.00.

The report of Grand Lecturer, Bro. Ernest LeNeve Foster

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(P. G. M.) evinces his devotion to the duties of his important office.

The eloquent pen of Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, as usual, traces the tribute to departed worth, notably portraying the sterling characters of the late Past D. G. M., Bro. Oliver A. Whittemore, and of the late Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. Calvin E. Reed.

The oration of the Grand Orator, Bro. George W. Musser, was sound to the core as an exposition of the true mission of Masonry—the building of character.

At a suitable juncture, the Grand Officers vacated their respective stations, turning them over to the officers of one of the subordinate Lodges, who proceeded to confer upon a candidate of their own, the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The work is reported to have been impressively done.

M. W., Bro. Ernest Le Neve Foster, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near the Grand Lodge of Colorado, submitted a communication from Bro. Franklin L. Zimmerman, Past Master of Franklin Lodge No. 587, of Ala., also circular of M. W., Grand Master, H. H. Matthews, Grand Lodge of Alabama, on the subject of celebrating the 17th day of January, 1906, as the 200th anniversary of Bro. Benjamin Franklin's natal day, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. Later said committee reported as follows:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Colorado appreciates the exalted Masonic character of Brother Benjamin Franklin and his service to the Craft during the Colonial period of American history, and believes that the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama toward commemorating the 200th anniversary of his natal day, is a fitting recognition of those services. That the Grand Lodge of Colorado is not yet fully convinced that it is practical to make the day an Annual Masonic Memorial Day, but is willing to consider any plan the Grand Lodge of Alabama shall in its wisdom see fit to draw upon the Trestle Board."

The writer has not the audacity to claim an excess of wisdom in respect of this matter, but is of the opinion that, confined to a celebration of Franklin's 200th birthday, without reference to Annual Celebrations, the suggestion would meet general approval. The annual observance of his natal day might have come up for later consideration.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the official acts and decisions of the Grand Master.

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His recommendation in regard to reading the Constitution and By-Laws, was approved. Also that in regard to examination of new-made Master Masons.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 1, Art. 2 of the Constitution, the effect of which would be to make all Past Masters permanent members of Grand Lodge, was disapproved.

An additional report by the same committee, we regard as eminently wise and just. It was as follows:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report on the proposition of requiring dues from members under suspension for non payment of dues, as follows:

"We recommend changing next to the last paragraph of Section 1, Art. 17, so as to read: 'Payment of dues before the ballot is taken shall stop proceedings. If the Brother is suspended for non payment of dues, payment of arrears to date of suspension within three years shall reinstate him. A Lodge may remit the whole or any part of the dues, and reinstate the Brother.'

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

We have passed without notice the Grand Lecturer's suggested plan for a "Collegium of Grand Lecturers," as there will be time enough to speak of it before it materializes. If practicable, it will be a good scheme.

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With his wonted thoroughness, Past Grand Master, Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, ably reviews the Proceedings of sixty Grand Jurisdictions—three for two years—Alabama—1904, included. It goes without saying, that Brother Greenleaf's reports are, without exception, courteous, fraternal and just to all concerned. He approvingly, as we judge, quotes Grand Master Robt. J. Redden on Masonic standards of deportment; gives a judicious summary of our Grand Lodge's transactions, and, in the kindness of his heart, pays the writer a handsome compliment, in course of which he says:

"Brother Titcomb in his review, embracing sixty-one Grand Lodges, engages in few controversies, though he is equal to the occasion should any question demand consideration."

Whether we merit such praise or not, still we value highly Bro. Greenleaf's good opinion.

But, dear Brother, our Christian name is William Yates, not "William T."

We quote what our Brother says under Arkansas, in regard to cultivation of grapes and production of wine:

"Liquor legislation has reached an extreme when a Mason cannot cultivate a vineyard and sell the product thereof. One of the very remedies advocated by those who have made a careful study of the liquor evil, is a return to first principles and the more general cultivation of the grape and the production of pure wine, in the hope that it would in time supersede the use of whisky and the villainous decoctions and compounds which craze the brain, incite to crime and fill the prisons and asylums of our land. The cultivation of vineyards and the production of wine may be traced to remote antiquity and it has ever been deemed an honorable occupation. In our Masonic ceremonies we refer to the 'wine of refreshment' and attach to it a symbolic significance. It is also one of the wages of a Fellow Craft. It is used in many of the concordant Orders and branches of Masonry in Consecration and Sacraments. According to the interpretation of the committee who disapproved the above decision" (Grand Master had decided that the wine-grower was not affected by the liquor edict, if he complied with certain limitations), "the Brother who plants a vineyard and sells its wine product for any purpose, is a violator of Masonic law. The prohibitive pendulum has certainly swung to the extreme limit of its arc. Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry, but it is not restrictive in its application to any one vice, being a due restraint upon all our passions, prejudices and appetites."

"In brief, 'Temperance in all things' is what it inculcates in its lessons and teachings."

Bro. Charles F. Painter, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Charles H. Jacobson, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

This beautifully executed volume is embellished with portraits of Grand Master Asa P. Fitch; Brother Luke A. Lockwood, Grand Master, 1872; Brother Nelson G. Hinckley, Trustee 25 years. The two last named lately deceased.

Bro. Asa P. Fitch, M.'. W.'. Grand Master, in the Chair.

118TH ANNUAL—HARTFORD—JANUARY, 1906.

Number of Lodges on the roll, 110; number of Lodges represented, 110; number raised to degree of Master Mason, 1,099;

number of Affiliated Master Masons, 20,087; gain for the year, 687; number exempt from Grand Lodge dues, 4,848; paying members, 15,239.

An emergent communication was held in the town of Danbury, Sept. 5, 1905, for the purpose of dedicating a new Lodge hall.

All the Grand Officers and, as per report of Committee on Credentials, Representatives of all the subordinate Lodges, were present at the Annual Communication; as also were fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, including M. W. Frederick S. Stevens, Alabama's ambassador.

The address of the Grand Master (29 pp.) supplies the Brethren with all needed information respecting his administration of Grand Lodge affairs.

He paid warm tribute to the worth of those two departed Brothers, M. W. Luke A. Lockwood, and R. W. Nelson G. Hinckley. (For several years Lockwood's jurisprudence has been handed down to each Grand Master elect, in Alabama, by his predecessor in office, with the latter's name inscribed on the fly leaf.) The Grand Master says:

"I have visited 35 Lodges during the year last past, of which 28 were on invitation. I shall only remark on those visited on invitation.

"In visiting the several Lodges of the jurisdiction it has been a great pleasure to note the impressiveness of the work, the thorough knowledge of the ritual, and the proficiency of the officers in the work."

About six pages of the address are devoted to an account of those, which were highly gratifying.

The Masonic Home is given most favorable comment, and an earnest appeal in its behalf is made to the Brethren. If they once visit the Home, their sympathies are surely enlisted. The Grand Master had himself paid the Home 17 visits during the year. Each succeeding visit had impressed him more and more with the great value and importance of that institution.

He had issued twenty dispensations for various purposes—only a very few being for waiving time in conferring degrees.

His resume of the reports of the nine District Deputies was, for the most part, quite encouraging.

His recommendations and suggestions concern only the Craft in Connecticut, therefore we let them pass.

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The Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden reported their respective visitations, which had been most agreeable.

January 17, 1906, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was \$8,477.41.

M. W. Bro. John H. Barlow's report, as Grand Secretary, attests his thorough fitness for his responsible office. From his statistical report it is learned that one Lodge had "raised" 51 to the M. M. degree during the year, another 40, two others 31 each, &c. Three Lodges had done no work. The largest Lodge has 739 members, the smallest has 41, and the average membership 183.

Returns and dues had been received from all the Lodges. Excellent.

The Grand Trustees reported \$1,503.70 as the amount in their hands.

From the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted, we extract the following resolutions recommended by the committee:

"Resolved, That there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge, from each Lodge in the jurisdiction, the sum of one dollar for each member on its roll of membership."

"Resolved, That in estimating their membership all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years."

"Resolved, That twenty-five per cent of the amount received be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and seventy-five per cent, be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut."

The committee also recommended that some action be taken to produce a larger income for the home.

Our Connecticut Brethren seem earnest and determined in their efforts on behalf of the widows and orphans, and aged and infirm Masons.

At a suitable time exemplification of the work was performed.

Because we believe it right, we extract M. W. Bro. John H. Barlow's report from a special committee on Ritual—which report was adopted. It is as follows:

"*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut:*

"Your committee to whom was referred the matter of Ritual, as presented in the address of Past Grand Master Parsons, have had the same under careful consideration. Our Grand Lodge

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has ever been opposed to Cipher Ritual, written or printed, believing that Masonry can best be taught by the ancient method 'from the instructive tongue to the listening ear,' nor is such cipher necessary. We have a standard work, that has been in use by nearly all the Lodges over forty years, and there are Brothers now living who can say what that standard work is, and transmit it to those who come after us. To accomplish this we recommend the appointment by the incoming Grand Master of a committee of five, to be known as custodians of the Work, the first for a period of five years, the second for four years, the third for three years, the fourth for two years, and fifth for one year, and each succeeding Grand Master appoint one for five years. The Grand Master to fill any unexpired term. The decision of said committee shall be the work of this jurisdiction, subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

"JOHN H. BARLOW,
FRANK W. MARCUS,
ARTHUR C. WHEELER,
Committee."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no business had been presented for its consideration.

The Committee on Memorials presented a short but feeling report, which was adopted.

"The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut" is an institution (Masonic Home) of which the Craft may be justly proud. We find from the report of the Board of Managers that the total expenditures have been \$13,738.63; deducting amounts received from rents and produce sold \$767.99, the net expenses have been \$13,000.64. There are now 77 inmates. At the beginning of the year there were 65, making an average of 71, putting the annual expense per member at \$183.39, or cost per diem 50 cents.

Treasurer's report shows receipts for year with balance on hand at beginning of year to have been \$31,174.10—payments \$14,967.84; leaving, December 1905, balance in savings banks and cash on hand \$16,206.26.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The admirable report on "Masonic Correspondence," presented by Past Grand Master John H. Barlow, is his twelfth.

Alabama 1904 receives fraternal notice. He quotes a few of Grand Master Redden's decisions, but disagrees with No. 4, thinking it optional with the Lodge whether or not they should extend Masonic relief to "widows of unaffiliated Masons who could have been buried with Masonic honors."

He would qualify No. 8, which held that a person holding a dimit from a subordinate Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction not recognized by the Alabama Grand Lodge," is, to all intents and purposes, a profane, and if elected must pass through all the ceremoniees of initiation, "passing and raising."

He notes without comment the resolutions adopted as to observance of Benjamin Franklin's natal day.

He quotes, also without comment, the writer's remarks concerning the "use of cubes" in balloting. He is with us in opposition to cipher ritual. Under South Carolina, he quotes us as saying: "That the O. E. S. is a most commendable organization, and that it has done and is doing a great amount of charitable work, and that it has done much toward the establishment of Masonic Homes, cannot be successfully denied. All honor to those noble women for their splendid benevolence. All the same they form no part of Ancient Craft Masonry." Whereupon Brother Barlow adds:

"From personal observation we endorse his remarks. It is not claimed to be any part of Masonry." To the question, "what steps are necessary to establish a Chapter or Lodge of Eastern Star Masons?" Bro. Dudley had answered that the Grand Lodge of South Carolina had no knowledge of the existence of such an Order, but Bro Barlow says; "Had we, as Grand Secretary of Connecticut, been asked the question, we would have given the information."

He mildly endorses the writer's opposition to regulations requiring display of the American flag in the Lodge.

We have marked so many places in this report, that we are dismayed at the prospective space required for their accommodation: hence the necessity for briefest mention of such passages.

Brother Barlow rightly endorses Brother Belden's "timely suggestions" in regard to making Lodge meetings interesting, by informing the members respecting Grand Lodge legislation, by recitations, readings, &c.

He believes in perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material. That is the Alabama position. Still, the writer thinks that limited jurisdiction—say 5 years, might not be unwise.

He does not favor making dues accrue during suspension.

While the Grand Orient of Belgium sticks to the Grand Orient of France, he thinks it unworthy recognition.

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Some criticisms of the writer's views, on certain points, made by Brother Vanderlieth of Nevada, and copied by Brother Barlow, have been noticed elsewhere; therefore to repeat here what we have already said, is unnecessary: hence we merely quote what Brother Barlow says in that connection, the subject being, dues charged during the period of suspension:

"We endorse all save the accumulation of dues during suspension. The Brother is thus deprived of all the privileges of Masonry, and he should not be compelled to pay far what he does not receive, it also makes it all the harder for him to come back into the fold should he come to repentance and better mind."—Very good, Brother.

From this report we learn that twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions in the U. S.—and perhaps more—authorize the mode of wearing the apron, advocated by the writer (not by the Grand Lodge of Alabama), viz: triangle form in the Master Mason Degree. Brother Barlow says:

"If this be true, and we see no reason to doubt, Connecticut is probably in the minority, as she teaches the reverse, except the entered apprentice. In that we all agree."

Under Texas, he says of Bro. Thos. M. Matthews:

"Under Alabama, we note that he agrees with Bro. Titcomb in the following:

"We agree also with him in his contention that when a Grand Lodge reverses the action of a Lodge, and restores to his rights and privileges a suspended or expelled Mason, it has no just right to restore him to membership without the unanimous consent of the Lodge. We know it is often done, but, all the same, that does not make it right."

Thus Brother Barlow rejoins:

"Let us look at this. When the Grand Lodge reversed the action of the Lodge (that is, set it aside), it simply said he was not lawfully suspended, and should, and we think, does restore him to all his rights, including Lodge membership, he has not lost them; otherwise no Brother is safe in his rights if he has not the right of an appeal and restoration from an unjust sentence."

Very well Brother, but look at it in this light: A Masonic Lodge is a peculiar, *voluntary* society. To be successful it must be harmonious. What becomes of its harmony—its unity, when an unwelcome person is forced into its family circle against its will?

Our Brother gives us a comparative statement of the No. of Lodges and members of the Masonic Fraternity in the world, compiled by Bro. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary of Maine, from which we extract the following: "Masons in Foreign Countries, 389,106; in British America, 50,878; United States, 1,011,547—so the U. S has 571,563 more Masons than the rest of world put together.

Bro. Benj. F. Turner, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Jno. H. Barlow, (P. G. M.) R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

100TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—OCTOBER, 1905.

Bro. J. Henry Young, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 22—membership 2,668.

Two portraits embellish this beautifully executed volume—one of Grand Master Young, and one of the late Past Grand Master James S. Dabb, who died last October.

During the year two special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

When Grand Lodge was opened it was found that, with the Grand Officers and a constitutional number of delegates present, there were also "on hand" eleven Past Grand Masters, some 125 or 130 other Permanent Members, and 32 Grand Representatives. Again the query, "Where was Bro. Weldon?"

The address of Grand Master, Bro. J. Henry Young, leaves the impress of supreme devotion to the interests of the Craft. He commends where commendation is deserved, and chides where laxity appears.

He feelingly announced the death of Past Grand Master James S. Dabb.

Under "Condition of the Craft," he said:

"It is with special gratification that I can report to you that peace and harmony prevail among the fraternity throughout our Jurisdiction; that at no time since the organization of our Grand Lodge has a warmer or more cordial feeling of unity existed among the brethren than today."

He had officially visited all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and some of them more than once.

Among his eight decisions we note one which ruled that a

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written letter objecting to the release of a rejected candidate, did not have the force of a blackball, as the application was for release, and not for application for membership.

We are not satisfied that this decision is correct.

Again he decided that a candidate with one leg shorter than the other, causing him to limp when walking, was ineligible for the degrees.

What about a candidate whose moral qualifications are inferior to his intellectual fitness?

With most of his decisions we agree.

He had granted two special dispensations—One to confer the Master Mason Degree upon a brother in less time than that prescribed by the By-Laws, as the brother resided in another jurisdiction, and had returned to Delaware for the purpose of receiving his degree.

(This does not seem to us a sufficient cause for overriding the By-Laws.)

The other was permission to entertain and act upon the petition of a candidate who had not resided in the jurisdiction the required time, he being an employee of the U. S. War Department, liable to be transferred at any time.

Under the head, "Use of Correct Terms," he thinks it wrong to say "meeting" instead of "communication."

With all due respect, this appears rather trivial. It is decidedly less trouble to write seven symbols than thirteen, and we see no valid objection to the term, "meeting."

He administers wholesome admonition to those who presume to reveal to outsiders what transpires within the sacred precincts of the Lodge.

He recommends the appointment of two District Deputies, also the appointment of a Grand Lecturer.

His animadversions against profanity on the part of Masons—smoking in the Lodge—entering the Lodge by the inner door pending a ballot—leaving the room while work is performed, &c., are timely, and should be heeded.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$1,742.35.

The Committee on Grand Charity Fund reported amount on deposit, as \$1,810.00. So, notwithstanding the fact that destitution is scarce in Delaware, our Brethren there are not unmindful of possible cases of need and suffering.

The Reserve Fund amounts to \$2,827.90.

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The reports of the Lodges of Instruction of the several Districts were very satisfactory. In Delaware each new set of Lodge Officers undergoes examination as to proficiency for filling the respective positions.

The Report on Correspondence, by Bro. The Rev. Lewis H. Jackson, was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Centennial Anniversary made report on the same, said celebration to be on June 6, 1906.

All the Grand Master's decisions, save two, were approved. One of the two disapproved was that one which we have, in this paper, ventured to doubt as to its correctness. The other disapproved decision related to the status of a rejected candidate, was disapproved because contrary to Grand Lodge Regulations adopted in 1903.

Most of the recommendations of the Grand Master were approved. His recommendation of the appointment of a Grand Lecturer was not approved, being impracticable while the funds of Grand Lodge continue as low as they now are. The Committee was of the opinion that no change in "Resolution No. 20" was needful.

Appropriate resolutions on the death of Past Master James S. Dabb, were unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report.

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The Report on Correspondence is again from the gifted pen of Bro. The Rev. Lewis H. Jackson (P. D. G. M.) who succinctly and ably reviews sixty-one volumes of proceedings, limiting himself to one-hundred five pages. Alabama-1904 is accorded nearly a page and one-half of courteous notice. He describes the opening of Grand Master, Robt. J. Redden's address as "a most earnest and eloquent appeal" for greater faithfulness to the sublime principles of Masonry, and makes an extract therefrom. He is pleased to say that the writer's report on correspondence "is of the highest order for interest and information."

Coming from Bro. Jackson, this is indeed high praise. Undeserving though we be of such commendation, we nevertheless greatly appreciate Bro. Jackson's good opinion.

We cannot forbear, before closing this paper, quoting him as follows, in reply to Bro. Belden, of Arizona:

"Because of our remark concerning the 'meritorious attractions of the higher bodies, so-called, as a prolific cause of the neglect of the Lodge,' he hardly thinks Bro. Jackson has taken the Capitular Degrees and the Templar Orders. Oh, yes, he has, but his first allegiance and deepest interest is in what is called Blue Lodge Masonry."

Such a sentiment reflects honor upon himself and the Fraternity.

Bro. Levin Irving Handy, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. Benjamin F. Bartram, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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95TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—DECEMBER, 1905.

Brother Luther R. Ginn, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 29—Members 7,726—Net gain 361.

This well printed volume, embellished with a portrait of Grand Master L. R. Ginn, contains the proceedings of five Special Communications, four Stated Communications—the fourth being the Annual—and St. John's Day Communication. One of the specials was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Deputy Grand Master, Robert Clarke, at the date of his death, "the oldest Mason on the register of the Grand Lodge." Three of the specials were held for the purpose of laying corner stones—that of May 17th, 1905, being the laying the foundation stone of the O. E. S. Home for aged and indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, and of those other near relatives of Master Masons who are members of the O. E. S. The occasion was a notable one. The structure will be a lasting monument to the zeal and devotion to the cause of suffering humanity manifested by those noble women. By courtesy of Potomac Lodge No. 25, the Grand Master used the George Washington gavel on said occasion.

The other special was for the purpose of constituting a Lodge.

The first stated Communication was for Exemplification of the Work, under supervision of the Grand Lecturer and the Committee on Work.

At the second Stated Communication nothing transpired that

would interest outsiders, save a resolution in regard to "Publication of Proceedings," referred to later.

At the third Stated Communication the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence offered suggestions for the protection of Lodges against the intrusion of impostors. For "Documentary evidence" he suggested that every Secretary should stamp every receipt for dues, in the shape of a pocket card, with the seal of the Lodge. He had visited many Lodges in different parts of the world, and had found this plan very useful. A special committee was appointed to consider the subject and report thereon.

The resolution in regard to "Publication of Proceedings," offered by M.: W.: Bro. Baird, was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That no member of this jurisdiction shall publish or give out for publication in any newspaper or periodical, any of the proceedings or correspondence of this Grand Lodge, except with the authorization and approval of the Grand Master."

The Special Committee to which the foregoing resolution was referred, recommended its adoption with the additional provision that it apply to members of the Masonic Fraternity sojourning within said jurisdiction, and with the further suggestion that, at stated intervals, the Grand Secretary prepare for the use of editors of fraternal columns in local newspapers, a resume of such fraternal news as might interest Masons or the public generally and be proper to be published. Concurred in.

The communication from the Grand Master of Alabama in regard to observance of Benjamin Franklin's birthday, was referred to a special committee. At the Annual Communication said committee reported adversely thereon, not unmindful of the great services "of that distinguished citizen, statesman, diplomat, patriot and brother, but in view of the shortness of time in which to prepare for a proper observance of such occasion, and of the fact that the Lodges had scheduled their meetings and work for the month of January, on which account much confusion would ensue through the interjection of said celebration." Report concurred in.

Agreeable to a proposition received from the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in regard to funerals of persons who were at time of decease, both Masons and Pythians, a committee was appointed to meet in conference a like committee from the K. P.'s for the purpose of removing any danger of a clash,

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or of confusion at such burials. From the report of the Grand Lodge members of the said committee of conference, it is learned that all who took part in said conference unanimously agreed that if the provisions of our Burial Regulations, manifesting as they do, the spirit of fraternity, were fairly and impartially enforced, there would be no ground of complaint. The Regulations are as follows:

"Should the deceased brother be a member of any civic society, whose attendance at the funeral is desired by his family, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge shall also consult with the presiding officer of such society respecting the details of the ceremonies; impressing upon him the fact that when the Lodge has received the body it must necessarily remain in charge thereof until the completion of its services. Should other services be performed, the Lodge should remain until their conclusion. It is competent for civic societies, or military, in attendance upon a Masonic funeral, to be represented among the pall-bearers by members who are also Masons, wearing, in addition to their distinctive regalia or uniforms, the white lamb-skin apron of a Mason."

The committee recommended that a communication be addressed to the several Lodges, emphasizing said Regulations, particularly with reference to the rights and privileges of other fraternal organizations; also that the provision for the wearing of the lamb skin or apron of a Master Mason by each and every pall-bearer be rigidly and impartially enforced regardless of the organization he may represent. The report of the committee was adopted.

The committee on the resolution looking to celebration of the bi-centenary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, reported, recommending that there be a general celebration of said event; that Grand Lodge, through a committee to be raised, call the attention of all Grand Lodges with which fraternal relations are held, to this subject, requesting their opinion and co-operation, and suggesting the following tentative plan:

"1. A general form of service to be used by all Masons on June 24, 1907; followed by

"2. Any special service each body of Masons may determine."

"3. These services to be held by all Grand Lodges and all particular Lodges, where feasible, or by other bodies of Masons when Lodge formation may not be had."

"And be it further resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

Adopted.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, Dec. 20, 1905, was one of the most complete and comprehensive documents of the kind that have come under our notice. It represents a vast amount of work on his part, and, as well, highest devotion to the interests of the Craft. We will not essay a summary of it, but merely state that his decisions and official acts met the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee and of the Grand Lodge, as also did his few recommendations.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, Dec. 12, 1905, in the sum of \$7,299.80, and the report of the Trustees exhibits total assets of the Grand Lodge as \$15,800 00.

"Documentary Evidence"—The special committee appointed at the September Communication, to consider the suggestions of the Committee on Correspondence in regard to protection of the Lodges against unworthy visitors, in reporting recommended adoption of a card certificate of the following description:

"Card about 2½ by 4 inches, one side of the card to have printed thereon the following:"

"This is to certify that Bro. _____, who has signed his name in the margin, is a Master Mason in good and regular standing, and a member of _____ Lodge, No. _____ F. A. A. M.

[Seal] _____, Secretary.

_____, D. C., _____. 190—.

This card is void after _____. 190—."

"On the other side, Seal of the Grand Lodge printed with the following matter:

"Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

"This is to certify that the Lodge named herein, is a legally constituted Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

_____, Grand Secretary."

The committee added stringent provisions to make the plan effective. Report received and recommendations adopted.

St. John's Day Communication was well attended. Sixteen Past Grand Masters attested their interest in the Fraternity by their presence on this occasion. It affords us pleasure to record also the presence of Alabama's Representative, who made one of the envoys from 44 Grand Jurisdictions.

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The Grand Master had maintained that the power to convene an emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters belonged exclusively to the Grand Master, and his contention was supported by the Jurisprudence Committee.

On recommendation of a special committee, the Grand Master's recommendation that suitable preparation be made for celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of Grand Lodge was adopted.

The O. E. S. was granted Grand Lodge authority to apply the name "Masonic and Eastern Star Home" to the institution which the O. E. S. is now constructing.

On recommendation of the Correspondence Committee, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

The Masonic Board of Relief of the District of Columbia is doing good work.

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Past Grand Master Bro. Geo. W. Baird presents his readers with a No. 1 report (his sixth) on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing all the Proceedings which had reached his table, and covering 195 pages of the printed volume. Brother Baird is an excellent reviewer. There is a freshness (not the "verdant green" sort) and snap about his writings that is very pleasing.

Alabama 1904 is accorded nearly two and a half pages, of courteous and brotherly notice. He says:

"Internal friction in several subordinate Lodges came to the knowledge of the Grand Master, who managed the affairs with admirable tact and kept the Lodge going, but in his forbearance permitted offending Masters to escape discipline."

He says:

"The Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals presented another admirable report, faultless from a legal point, in excellent language and instruction as well, but it has the fault that all others have (our own not excepted) of printing too much. If it were possible to keep such reports entirely within the Craft it would be all right, but as our enemies may (and do) garble from our reports, much harm may come from this. There is a periodical published in Brockton, Mass., called *The Inlook* by a dimmed renegade named Marshall, which is doing this very thing."

Again he says:

"The report on Correspondence is again by Past Grand Master Wm. G. Titcomb." (We are only Past Master, also our baptismal name is Wm. Y., not Wm. "G.") "It covers the reports of sixty one Grand Lodges in a scholarly way. His reports are among the very best, and we commend them to our membership for study," * * * "Our good brother, we trust, does not think we were casting any aspersions upon the 'Christian faith,' for we were brought up rigorously in the Baptist church, the very acme of Christianity, but we have traveled many miles by sea, and have examined the creeds of foreign lands, and it is still our honest conviction that a plurality of creeds is conducive to rivalry in virtue, and that when a plurality of creeds is proscribed the result will be corruption."

The stewards of a Methodist Church once complained to the preacher that their pews were becoming more empty than full because their people were flocking to a near-by Baptist meeting, where a "new light," an eloquent young pulpit orator was attracting crowds by his oratory; and they asked the parson what he thought of it. "Well," replied he, "I can only cite to you a passage of Scripture wherein it is intimated that when the devils entered into the head of swine the latter took to the water."

Brother Baird throws a very fragrant bouquet at our highly esteemed Chairman of Jurisprudence, in the following:

"The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee is Past Grand Master George P. Harrison, who was frequently our visitor when he was in Congress. We have often wished his State knew his worth; then they would send him to the Senate."

With pleasure we transcribe this tribute to Brother Harrison: at the same time must confess that the words so kindly spoken of the writer are better than he deserves; all the same they are gratefully appreciated.

We would like to make several extracts from Brother Baird's report, but have spun this yarn so long already that we must heed the call, "Avast, there."

Bro. Walter A. Brown, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. Arvine W. Johnston, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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(UNITED GRAND LODGE.)

The September 1905 Quarterly of this Grand Lodge was held, as usual, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The session was not of long continuance. It appears from the report of the Board of Benevolence that, during the quarter, sixty-three petitioners were relieved to the amount of \$7,273.00, and recommendation of relief to the amount of \$2,880.00, was confirmed, as also was the action of the Board in relieving the sixty-three petitioners. Such systematic charity is most effective.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, which was adopted with unanimity, embraced a matter or two of general interest. The matter of non-intercourse on the part of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, was reported as finally adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned, the Grand Lodge, N. S. W., having withdrawn its edict of non-intercourse.

The action of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in recognizing the (so-called) Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that of Grand Master Remington in assisting in the installation of the Grand Master of Queensland, were taken into consideration. The steps taken by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in respect of that matter were mentioned, as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland has drawn attention to an alleged irregularity of the New South Wales Grand Master having gone from Sydney to Queensland and installed as office bearers of the body so formed 'certain members of the English and Scottish Craft who were suspended members of these two Grand Lodges.' 'At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 3rd of August instant, this was referred to as unfriendly, un-Masonic, and disrespectful to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland,' and it was reported that one of the brethren complained of had been expelled from Freemasonry, and the expulsion intimated in ordinary form. The Grand Lodge of Scotland resolved to terminate its connection with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales by recalling its representative to that Grand Lodge, and by requesting its representative to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to return his commission.

"As the Board was not in possession of all the information which was probably before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was resolved to afford the Grand Lodge of New South Wales an opportunity of explaining matters before proceeding to steps which might not be easily retraced."

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In accordance with the foregoing, the Grand Secretary was instructed to address a letter of inquiry, as to the facts, to the N. S. W. Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge confirmed, for its own part, the resolutions adopted at the conference of representatives of the three Grand Lodges—England, Scotland and Ireland—securing a better understanding between the three Grand Bodies, in respect of recognition of new Grand Lodges, suspension or expulsion of members by any one of the three Grand Lodges, &c.

The vote, by which Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Board, was unanimous, as has been already intimated.

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DECEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, 1905.

The Rt. Hon. T. F. Halsey, M. P., R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master on the throne.

At this Communication, the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year was the first business on hand, together with the election of a Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing, after announcement by the Deputy Grand Master that H. R. H. the Grand Master had been pleased to confer the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of England upon Viscount Mayashi, Japanese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and the rank of Past Grand Warden of England upon the Lord Mayor of London; also the reading of a message from the Grand Master providing for an additional number of Grand Officers.

Of course the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn succeeds himself as Grand Master.

Considerable discussion was evoked by the consideration of some matter of interest to our English Brethren alone; and the Grand Register had on his docket two cases of appeal from South Africa.

The Board of Benevolence had received during the quarter voluntary contributions to the amount of \$9,458.04. The Board had dispensed charity to the amount of \$11,832.00, and had on hand a balance of \$9,878.24.

The Grand Lodge of England is the great exponent of systematic charity, conspicuously illustrating the supreme efficiency of system in works of benevolence.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—LONDON—MARCH, 1906.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl Amherst, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master on the Throne.

The usual long list of Present and Past Grand Officers occupies the first three or four pages of this volume, while the last forty-three pages are filled with details of the Fund for General Purposes and of the Fund for Benevolence, the remaining fifteen pages being devoted to the transactions of Grand Lodge.

The wonted formalities attended the annual election of M.: W.: Grand Master, and, of course, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn succeeded himself in that honorable position.

The office of Grand Treasurer being also elective, the votes (by post) therefor were unsealed and counted, resulting in the election of Bro. L. S. Winsloe.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for December 1905, January and February 1906, was received and recorded, and the recommendations of grants, confirmed. The relief already extended, amounted to \$9,552.00, and the grants recommended footed up \$8,600.00. Splendid charity that.

Most of the time of this Communication was consumed by discussion of matters locally very interesting, but of little importance to outsiders—notably the improvement of the Grand Lodge's quarters in London, enlargement of "Freemason's Hall.

The subject of political methods in seeking office was sprung, but dropped when the Grand Registrar hinted that to enforce a stringent rule against canvassing for office, would be impracticable.

The "Analysis of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December 1905," shows the following as Fund for Benevolence: Receipts, \$82,814.46, and after all payments, a balance in the Treasury amounting to \$8,608.56.

In closing this paper we indulge in a remark which, no doubt, "travels out of the record," so to speak, namely: For a long time, when reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, it has slightly stirred our democratic "bile" to note that the highest offices in that Grand Body are closed against the untitled. The office of Grand Master, in our opinion, should

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be within the reach of any deserving, well qualified member, though he be destitute of a long string of titles. For this observation we beg pardon not at all.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl Amherst, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND FESTIVAL,

HOLDEN AT FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, APRIL 25, 1906.

Present—Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl Amherst, Pro. Grand Master, and a long list of Grand, and Past Grand Officers, besides many other Brethren. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, so far as related to the election of the Grand Master and of the Grand Treasurer, were read and confirmed.

Whereupon the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Duke of Connaught & Strathearn Duke of Saxony, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., M.: W.: Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of England for the ensuing year. He also proclaimed The Earl Amherst Pro. Grand Master for the same period, also the other Grand Officers in the order of their ranks; after which the investiture of the several Grand Officers took place. Then Grand Lodge "was closed in due form and with solemn prayer."

Later "an excellent entertainment provided by the Grand Stewards, at the Hotel Cecil, was enjoyed by the officers and members and a great number of brethren."

The nineteen Grand Stewards were thanked for their liberality, &c.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—LONDON—JUNE 1906.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. Earl Amherst, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

In the transactions of this Communication it is noted that, correspondence having been re-opened between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England with reference to formal recognition of the former by the latter, a happy termina-

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tion of the lack of friendly relations between these two Grand Bodies was reached; as evinced by the unanimous adoption, in the Grand Lodge of England, of the following resolution:

"That this United Grand Lodge of England, heartily reciprocating the kind and fraternal spirit of the communication just read, hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Free Masons for the Province of Quebec in the Dominion of Canada; the rights of the Lodges under the English Constitution still working in that Province being reserved."

So, after long cessation of official, fraternal relations of the two Bodies, they are in close touch, exchanging Representatives. This is well.

The Board of General Purposes made a report the object of which interests all who desire that peace and harmony shall prevail among all regular Masonic Bodies, wheresoever dispersed throughout the world. The following is the introduction of said report:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:

"The Board has to report that the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales has, in reply to our letter of 16th August last, forwarded a memorandum in explanation of its action in connection with the formation and recognition of a Body in Queensland calling itself a Grand Lodge, and with respect to the installation and investiture of Officers of the irregular body, who had been suspended by English and Scottish Masonic authorities for grave Masonic offences. This memorandum raised such important constitutional questions, that the Board requested the Grand Registrar to report upon the whole matter, and his report accompanied this in pamphlet form. At the last meeting of the Board it was unanimously resolved as follows:

"That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to the M.W. the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, copies of the Grand Registrars Report on the Queensland matter, which the Board adopts in its entirety, as its reply to the memorandum by M.W. Bro. Remington sent by the Grand Secretary of New South Wales on the 29th September, 1905.

"The Board, while reciprocating the feelings of respect and regard which our New South Wales Brethren tender through their Grand Secretary, would assure them of a sincere desire on our part that fraternal harmony should prevail through all the lawful jurisdiction. To this end a removal of all misunderstanding is necessary, and the Board trusts that the accompanying

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full and frank review of the situation will have the desired effect.

"In accordance with that resolution, the Grand Secretary has forwarded copies of the Report as directed."

Said Report, prepared by the Grand Registrar fills nearly nine closely printed pages, and deals exhaustively with the subject. At the conclusion of his argument the Grand Registrar says:

"There ought to be no difficulty, however, about having a regular Sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, if the Brethren who desire it will be reasonable, and if it commends itself to the good sense of the requisite two-thirds. (See Resolutions adopted at the London Conference of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland in 1905). "Probably those who have been premature in absenting themselves will be well advised by their Masonic friends to resume the *status quo ante*, and then without any outside interference, the brethren of the three Constitutions will determine what *they* consider is best for the interests of Free-Masonry in the State. If the necessary two-thirds of each Jurisdiction shall declare in favor of a Grand Lodge, then so far as I can see there need be no further difficulty. If the two-thirds should be wanting, then it will be equally clear that the necessity for a change is not so great as some have assumed."

Contributions for the quarter, for benevolence, amounted to \$34,780.04.

FLORIDA.

77TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—JANUARY 1908.

Bro. Charles W. Johnson, M.W. Grand Master.

No. of Lodges, 158; represented, 149; members, 6,655; gain, 650 net.

Two portraits adorn this volume—one, of Grand Master Chas. W. Johnson, the other, of Past Grand Master Marcus Endel.

When Grand Lodge was opened seven Past Grand Masters were found to be present; also Representatives of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions answered roll call. Alabama "not in it."

The Grand Master's address (11 p. p.) is a clear exposition of his administration for the year, dealing with all subjects demanding his attention, in a truly Masonic spirit. Of conditions in Florida he said:

"Our State is prospering as never before, in every portion of

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our territory new and beneficial enterprises are being carried on, new S. S. Lines are in effect and in contemplation, railroad construction is being pushed, and soon one of the greatest engineering feats of the age will connect our island city of Key West with the mainland. Education of our youth is keeping pace with our material advancement, and there no longer exists a good reason for sending our sons or daughters beyond the confines of the State for a liberal education."

* * * * * "Florida has adopted usefulness as her chariot, and thereto she has harnessed the spirited steeds of enterprise, progress and development, and today we see her driving that triumphant car through this fair land of ours, making the sunlight of prosperity to shine thereon."

He praises Pensacola for her brave battle with the yellow fever epidemic last summer.

He pays fitting tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Angus Patterson, who died July 26, 1905.

Four new Lodges have been regularly constituted; five dispensations had been granted for organizing Lodges U. D., and are continued under dispensation. Of special dispensations, thirty-three had been issued, seventeen of which were for waiving time in conferring degrees.

His twelve decisions commend themselves to our judgment, as good Masonic law. In decision 9, however, the Florida usage differs from that in Alabama. According to "No. 9," proficiency, as well as worthiness, is voted on by ballot. In Alabama, proficiency is pronounced upon *viva voce* or by show of hands before the ballot is "spread."

Owing to the great number of spurious Masons in the country, he had issued an edict regulating the admission of visitors into the Lodges. Like that of Missouri, it requires a visitor to exhibit a receipt for dues, and a certificate of membership, under the seal of a regular Lodge, and avouched for by the seal of the Grand Lodge to which said visitor owes allegiance.

The Grand Master recommended that every Master Mason, at the expiration of one month after his having been raised, be subjected to an examination on his proficiency in the Master Mason Degree, and that said examination be repeated, meeting after meeting, until he is found proficient, and, if necessary, he shall be summoned to attend such examination. We do not concur.

Such visitations as the Grand Master was enabled to make left very pleasing impressions.

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From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that all but three of the Lodges had made returns for 1905. Bro. Webster is a faithful, painstaking officer. Long may he serve the Craft in his responsible office.

Passing upon the decisions of the Grand Master, the Jurisprudence Committee approved the same. The committee, however, made, in regard to a few, explanations thereof; which explanations will be of real value to the Lodge officers.

Having under consideration the recommendation as to proficiency of new-made Master Masons, the Committee said:

"We fully agree with the Most Worshipful Grand Master as to the importance of all Master Masons becoming proficient in the lecture of that degree and would recommend and urge that Masters of particular Lodges take such steps as will in their opinion best carry out the recommendations of the Grand Master.

"We, however, do not feel that it is right or proper that drastic measures should be taken to compel attendance of Master Masons for such examination."

Our own view precisely as to that matter.

In regard to the request of the Grand Lodge of Alabama respecting observance of Franklin's birth-day, the Committee said :

"We recommend that as today, the 17th day of January, 1906, is the date mentioned, which is to be observed, and as we have had no time in which to make any preparation for a suitable observance of the day as requested, that the matter be passed over without action and that the Grand Secretary notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama of this action and express our thanks for the invitation so courteously extended to us."

In regard to the circular letter from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, proposing the establishing of a Collegium of Grand Lecturers, to be composed of the Grand Lecturers of the several jurisdictions which shall join in such movement, these Grand Lecturers to meet every third year and endeavor to unify the esoteric and exoteric work; the resolutions of such college or assembly to be subject to the approval of the various Grand Lodges, the Committee said:

"We are of the opinion that a more thorough unification of the work throughout the United States is desirable, but think that the proposed plan is impracticable. It would entail con-

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siderable expense without corresponding benefit. We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge of Florida do not participate in the assembly proposed, and that the Grand Secretary notify the Grand Secretary of Colorado of this action, and express our thanks and appreciation for their courtesy in extending the invitation to us.

Our view, again.

"The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence presented his report, which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings, and that portion referring to 'work by courtesy' was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee."

Upon this subject the last named Committee reported as follows:

"The special report of P. G. M. Wright on the subject of 'work by courtesy' has been referred to this Committee. This report is as follows, and we recommend its adoption:"

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

"Your Special Committee appointed upon the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to report upon 'work done by courtesy,' and to prepare a definite plan and course of procedure, beg leave to report that the full report as to 'work by courtesy' in other Grand Jurisdictions is published with the Correspondence Report for this year. As to 'a plan of procedure,' we are of the opinion that the regulations, Nos. 475 and 477 as presented by the committee to codify the laws and regulations, as reported at this session, cover the ground fully and no further action is necessary.

"Fraternally submitted,
"SILAS B. WRIGHT."

With regard to the edict issued by the Grand Master prescribing certain rules governing admission of visitors into Lodges, the committee did not think it necessary that the edict be contained in its present form. The committee, after an able discussion of the matter, recommended that the edict be not contained, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure, at once, from the Pantagraph Printing Co., of Bloomington, Ill., 150 or more copies of its book containing a list of all the regular Lodges in the United States, said copies to be distributed at cost.

Some of the Committee's reports are omitted in this review for lack of room for them. Suffice it to say that all the Jurisprudence reports were adopted, as also were the reports of the other committees.

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From the report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending January 14, 1908, it appears that the total receipts from all sources reached the sum of \$3,844.55. Total expenditures, \$2,679.05. Present worth of property of Grand Lodge, \$56,165.50.

The amount received for the year, and invested, by the Trustees of Masonic Home and Orphanage, was \$2,714.26. Total amount now on hand, \$7,988.16.

Charters were granted to six Lodges U. D., with instructions for correction of certain stated irregularities.

In the Grand Lodge of Florida, members of the same, who are only voting members, by courtesy, are not allowed any vote on financial matters.

A committee of ten has under consideration, and will report, at next annual, on a very fair liberal proposition from the Masonic Building Association of Jacksonville, for the erection of a Temple at said city.

The Grand Orator, Bro , the Rev. H. S. Yerger, D. D., delivered an able and interesting address, extempore, on "The Temple," and was requested to reduce the same to writing for publication with the proceedings. The orator tells us that the cost of building Solomon's Temple "reached the almost incredible sum of \$2,400,000,000.00, or according to others, \$5,000,000,000.00."

The Committee on Work exemplified the same at suitable times. The Committee on "Installation and Past Master's Degree" reported having installed regularly 47 brethren entitled thereto.

After report of the Committee on Finance, on motion, the sum of \$1,500 00 was ordered to be turned over to the Trustees of the Masonic Home and Orphanage.

Our Florida Brethren seem to have the praiseworthy and settled purpose to provide for the widow and the fatherless. All honor to them therefor.

Past Grand Master, Wm. H. Bumpas, of Tennessee, was a distinguished visitor at one session of Grand Lodge.

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The Report on Correspondence (210 p. p.) is again from the able and cultured pen of Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright, Chairman of the Committee.

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His review of Alabama, 1904,—“ancient history”—covering three pages, is courteous and fraternal. He inadvertently puts Past Grand Master J. G. Harris’ name in place of that of Grand Master R. J. Redden, saying that “M.: W.: Grand Master Jno. G. Harris opened the Grand Lodge, it being closed by M.: W.: Henry H. Matthews, who succeeded him in the Grand East.” Brother Matthews succeeded Brother Redden.

He notes three of Bro. Redden’s decisions as Grand Master, Nos. 2, 4, and 8, saying that 2 and 8 coincide with Florida law, but that No. 4—“Widows of non-affiliated Masons, who have been buried with Masonic honors, are entitled to Masonic relief—would not apply in Florida. The widow would only be entitled to such relief as would be granted the widow of any worthy man.”

It encourages the writer to find himself in accord with Brother Wright on so many points of opinion—he agreeing with us on five out of seven views which he quotes. He does not think with us in respect of manner of wearing the apron; neither, for that matter, does the Alabama Committee on Work; still, we are right, Brother Wright.

We are glad to know that indifference was not the cause of our Representative’s repeated absence from Grand Lodge, and we make “our (your) prayers for his early restoration to health and strength,” our own.

That “felt-lined ballot box” is a most desirable piece of furniture. It minimizes, we confess, the objection to cubes.

Brother Wright says Lodges have the right to use their funds as they think best. We concur as to surplus funds.

He does not agree with Brother Belden in the latter’s opinion that no dimit should be granted until the brother has been accepted by another Lodge.

We give hearty assent to the opinion that knowledge of the by-laws should be essential to eligibility for the Master’s chair.

Alluding to Brother Robbins’ objection to his previous report on the question of recognition of Queensland, he quotes the distinguished Illinois reviewer, and says: “Brother Robbins is correct, as an abstract proposition. The conditions, however, are only confounded, and confusion will prevail in the colony. Each of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will continue to grant charters, the new Grand Lodge will issue edicts of exclusion and non-intercourse to which the English are

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already replying by expulsion of members of the new Grand Lodge. Truly an unfortunate condition."

With the greatest respect for our Illinois contemporary, we, nevertheless, are unable to perceive the potency of his argument, advocating the new Grand Body, where he assents, to Brother Wright's contention, in the following words:

"Brother Wright is correct in holding that the voice of the majority of the Lodges should determine whether an independent Grand Lodge should establish under the conditions which exist in Queensland."

We say, "First secure the adherence of a majority of the Lodges in Queensland: then we are with you."

Commenting upon some of Brother Marcombe's utterances, Bro. Wright well says:

"Masonry cannot be made a political machine, or even a secular club, association, or of whatever name it may be known, without its downfall, and all effort along this line should be promptly met and crushed in its incipiency."

But we must "hold up," and omit several passages marked for notice, and merely add that his Special Report on "Work by Courtesy" is a valuable addition to Masonic literature, and is appended to his general report. He says:

"In only three jurisdictions, viz: Alabama, Maine and Oklahoma, is such work absolutely prohibited."

Bro. Chas. W. Johnson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Wilbur P. Webster, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

119TH ANNUAL—MACON—OCTOBER, 1905.

Bro. Max Meyerhardt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

We begin this report by copying Grand Secretary Wolihin's recapitulation :

"No. of Lodges at opening of session.....	469
No. of Lodges at close of session....	485
Charters surrendered at this session.....	1
Charters forfeited at this session.....	1
Charters granted at this session.....	16
Lodges represented.....	462
Raised.....	2,000
Total membership.....	35,289

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Net gain in membership.....	1,169
Net gain in Lodges	14"

When Grand Lodge was opened the Grand Officers were at their posts with largely more than the required number of representatives of Lodges. Of Permanent members there were six present, two being Past Grand Masters. Bro. James W. Taylor, P. G. M., our Representative, and the Representatives of 53 other Grand Jurisdictions, were also present.

In his magnificent address the Grand Master touches with a skilled hand upon all points of Masonic duty, opportunity and aspiration. In his opening, he makes a happy comparison of Masonry, standing in the midst of a world steeped in greed, avarice, utter selfishness, and controlled by cruel tyranny and "remorseless power," with the blissful oasis of the desert, which welcomes the tired, parched wayfarer to its hospitable shades and sparkling water. He says:

"But in the Temple of Masonry abide brotherly love, relief and truth. Sweet charity is there, and loving-kindness too. Upon them rests the peace of God, and from their holy altars rises the incense sweet of prayer and praise. For today, as in the distant past, Freemasonry places above the selfish interests of life, the lofty ideals of the good, the beautiful and the true. Above the grasping greed for gain, it places the splendid guerdon of honor and good repute. Above the mad race for greatness and for power, it places the holy consecration of service and of sacrifice, and the sweet simplicity of a contented life. Above all that is impure, untrue and base it places its faith in God, its hope in immortality, its charity for all mankind."

He paid a touching tribute to the memory of Brethren departed—notably Brother Washington Dassau, Brother J. J. Hyman, and Past Deputy Grand Master, Bro. John D. Harrell.

The financial condition of Grand Lodge affairs was referred to as eminently satisfactory, there being not one cent of indebtedness impending; there being at the present moment in the Grand Lodge treasury, the sum of \$25,625.88. After deducting the expenses of the Communication under review there would be a surplus of from \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 available during the coming year.

Under the head, "A Plea for Harmony," he manfully champions the cause of the Past Masters.

His account of his official visits is interesting reading. On looking over this narrative we encountered one familiar name,

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that of Brother N. H. Ballard, W. M. of Ocean Lodge, No. 214, Brunswick, Ga., whom the Grand Master commends as "one of the best and brightest Masons in the State." On Christmas, 1890, five young men, whom the writer had instructed on their proficiency in the lessons of the degrees, *canned* him with a handsome goldheaded cane—Brother Ballard was one of those five young Masons. The Grand Lodge of Georgia is not slow in appreciating ability and rewarding merit; hence we feel safe in predicting Brother Ballard's early promotion.

The Grand Master's ten decisions submitted meet our unqualified approval. We quote No. 8 as follows:

"8. A Mason acting as a Grand Juror cannot shield a brother who is guilty of a crime. A Mason must obey the law of the land. When a Mason commits a crime he cannot invoke Masonry to protect him from the legal consequences of his wrong doing."

The Grand Master says :

"The requests for dispensations, especially to confer degrees out of time, have been unusually frequent. Many of these I have been compelled to refuse, because I did not deem the reasons sufficient. Many others I have granted after a full investigation into all of the circumstances."

"I desire to express the hope that Masters will make these requests as rarely as possible, as I cannot but feel that in most cases there can be no benefit to Masonry or to the candidate, in having the degrees conferred out of the usual time."

Of ninety-one dispensations granted, some fifty were for waiving time in conferring degrees.

Seventeen corner-stones had been laid. Six new Lodges had been constituted—two new halls dedicated—one change of venue granted. (We do not believe in change of venue for Masonic trials.)

The Grand Master (who may be not improperly styled the father of the Masonic Home) recognizes the fact that the Institution will be, with greatly increased number of inmates, a heavy load to carry. However, with strong conviction that it must succeed, he bravely faces the situation, and urges strenuous effort in its support. He and his Brethren surely deserve to achieve permanent success in this most praiseworthy enterprise.

Our M. W. Brother's conclusion is an earnest and eloquent exhortation to his Brethren to pursue the right path.

The Grand Master believes in large committees, on the theory,

we suppose, that engagement of the members in some part of Grand Lodge work awakens a degree of interest not felt by them if they sit as "wall flowers" merely. Committee on Grand Master's Address consists of 66 Brethren; that on Jurisprudence, 88 Brethren; Appeals and Grievances, 81. Rather unwieldy, it seems to us, but, doubtless, the Chairman formulates a report, reads it to the throng, and they then vote thereon.

A particularly pleasant event on the first day, was a visit by Grand Lodge members, in a body, to the Masonic Home. The evening of the same day was devoted entirely to social features, in the way of instructive, interesting, "splendid addresses." No doubt, devotion of a limited portion of the Grand Lodge's time to such exercises is conducive to development of the spirit of brotherhood.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report on the application of the Grand Orient of Brazil for recognition. After concisely and effectively stating his objections, Brother Moody submitted the following:

"From the foregoing facts, we recommend that the petition of the Grand Orient of Brazil be refused for the present."

Adopted.

In his report from the Board of District Deputies, Bro. L. H. Chappell stated that Conventions had been held in nearly every district. Many visitations had been made and the reports from every section indicated the maintenance of a high standard and a healthy growth of Masonry in Georgia.

The question, "whether or not a dimitted Past Master was entitled to draw per diem," presented by the Auditing Committee, was decided by the Grand Master in the negative, and Grand Lodge sustained his ruling.

The fitting report of the Committee on Memorials was adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of Committee on Charters, Charters were granted to fifteen new Lodges.

The recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Georgia decline to concur in the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama in respect of making the natal day of Benjamin Franklin a National Masonic Memorial Day, was adopted. The committee would have better said proposition instead of "action." (Committee on General Welfare.) The same committee also recom-

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mended that the matter of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Mexico be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to report at next Annual.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, 47 members were expelled for unmasonic conduct, and 41 for gross unmasonic conduct. As to the penalty, no distinction is made between the two grades of offenses.

From the report of the Committee on Finance and Masonic Home, it is learned that the Grand Treasurer had a balance in hand of \$25,697.73. On account of the Home, balance as per last report and receipts were \$12,732.13, and paid out, \$11,910.42, leaving balance in hand \$831.71. The committee passes high encomiums upon the ability, zeal and efficiency of the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary in their management of financial affairs.

The Board of Trustees of the Home congratulated the Grand Lodge upon its selection of Brother Harris as the Superintendent of the Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approved all of the Grand Master's decisions as "clear cut and based upon a correct interpretation of Masonic jurisprudence." The committee is enthusiastic in its praise (well merited) of Grand Master Meyerhardt, and winds up its report by adopting the language of the hero of Legend of Sleepy Hollow, as follows :

"Here's to him and his children; may they live long and prosper."

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The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother A. D. Moody, submits an excellent report on the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges whose volumes have been received, occupying 125 pages of printed matter. His extracts are judicious and his comments, though very concise, touch upon all the salient points in the volumes received. Brother Moody does not waste words, but what he has to say is always pertinent and forcible.

His review of Alabama—1904, is most practical. Of Grand Master R. J. Redden's address he says:

"From the exordium of the Grand Master's inspiring address

we quote:" Whereupon he copies about twenty lines of the same. What he says of the writer we are going to let our Alabama brethren see, even at the risk of offending those who criticize the "Mutual Admiration Society."

"We are glad that we have to begin our task of reviewing with Alabama, for Brother Titcomb is a sort of inspiration to us because of his excellent work."

We humbly bow our grateful acknowledgment of this very handsome compliment?

In reply to our thought that there should be made a distinction between the debtor and the member convicted of gross unmasonic conduct, as to the penalty therefor, Brother Moody says:

"A brother who is able to pay and refuses to pay, is a 'useless cumberer of the ground.' If a brother is unable to pay, his dues are remitted by the subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and the brother himself is the sole judge of the inability. He can be restored to all his rights at any time by paying his dues."

But, dear Brother, don't class the brother who is unable to pay his dues, and at the same time too proud to "put up a poor mouth" to the Lodge, with the blasphemer, the murderer and the violator of female chastity.

In closing, we felicitate the Grand Lodge of Georgia upon its Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. Max Meyerhardt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. W. A. Wolihin, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

38TH ANNUAL—BOISE—SEPTEMBER 1905.

Bro. Albert W. Gordon, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 35; Lodge U. D., 1; members in Idaho, 1,776; members outside the State, 280.

A portrait of Bro. Jeremiah W. Robinson, W.: M.: Grand Master-Elect, graces the title page of this well executed volume.

An Emergent Communication was held on December 23, 1904, at Boise, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of Past Grand Master, George L. Shoup, who died Dec. 21, 1904.

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30 out of the 35 Chartered Lodges, and the one Lodge U. D. were represented at the Communication under review.

Roll call revealed the presence of the Grand Officers, a full quorum of representatives from the constituent Lodges, and about thirty permanent members, four of whom were Past Grand Masters.

The Representatives of fourteen Grand Jurisdictions were reported present during the session. Alabama not represented.

In his address the Grand Master tenderly remembered the departed of his own and of sister jurisdictions.

He had made thirty-four visitations. For the most part these visits were very pleasant. In one instance, however, he failed to have a meeting of the Lodge, not meeting any of the members, though he remained in the city nearly all day.

The Grand Master reported four special dispensations granted—all easily within his authority.

He submitted nineteen decisions, which, in their "make up," evinced clear conception of the real merits of cases considered, as well as steadfast purpose to deal justly with everybody.

"No. 10" was evoked by the question, "Is it Masonically legal to confer degrees on Sunday?"

"Answer.—While our Constitution and By-Laws are silent on this subject, and viewing it from a strictly legal standpoint, it would appear that there was nothing to forbid Masonic labor on Sunday; yet even such practice would be in open violation of the teachings of our ritual. For are we not taught that "Our ancient brethren consecrated the seventh as a day of rest from their labors?"

"Also, that the Holy Bible is the inestimable gift of God to man as the rule and guide for his faith and practice?" These admonitions, in my opinion, should be the foundation of our faith and practice, and upon no pretense to be ignored or set aside."

"Therefore I hold that the conferring of degrees or other Masonic labor (except performing the last sad duty to the dead), on Sunday is unmasonic and not to be permitted."

One of these decisions was elicited by the following question. "Is a Brother liable to expulsion or other penalty for attempted suicide?"

"Answer.—Our law does not make attempted suicide a Masonic offense, therefore you cannot proceed Masonically against the Brother attempting it."

In a case like this, we should be governed by the attending

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circumstances, just as, some years since, we expressed ourselves about giving Masonic burial to a suicide, and as, for instance, one temporarily, or partially insane under pressure of having misfortunes or afflictions, &c.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$7,047.59.

"Statement of Orphan Fund" foots up \$42,751.05. The Orphan Fund is in good shape. We find in the Financial Report of the Grand Secretary that the 12 months interest on the various securities belonging to said Fund amounts to \$3,846 29. After some thirteen warrants drawn on the same, there remains a balance of \$1,746.29.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the premiums given, dispensations granted, amendments to By-Laws as presented, and decisions made by the Grand Master. In some of his recommendations, all of local interest only, the committee did not concur.

The same committee's two following resolutions were adopted, as was also the entire report of said committee:

"Resolved: That a candidate, after receiving the Third Degree, be required to pass an examination in that degree as to his proficiency within two months thereafter."

"Resolved: That the Grand Lecturer be paid the sum of \$300.00 and his railroad fare during this Masonic year, his other expenses to be paid by the Lodge requiring his services."

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, a charter was granted to the Lodge U D, said Lodge to be known as Crown Point Lodge No. 44.

The W. M. of one of the Lodges asked for an interpretation of law, to wit: to decide how and in what manner a member of the Lodge should object to the initiation of a candidate:

"After discussion, on motion of the Grand Secretary, it was decided that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that when a Brother objects to the initiation of a candidate the objection must be made in open Lodge, and the Secretary record the fact that an objection has been made, and by whom."

Such proceeding might be styled, forestalling disclosures of the secret ballot. We respectfully demur.

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The report on Fraternal correspondence (97 pp.) is again from

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the able hand of Bro George E. Kueffer, who gives us a first rate synopsis of the proceedings of sixty five Grand Jurisdictions

Bro Kneffer is a good writer, possessed of the prime quality of directness. He is not disputatious, but if anybody "jumps upon him," he will surely hear from it.

Under Colorado, he says:

"An oration eloquent in its simplicity was delivered by Bro. John Humphreys. While Bro. Humphreys fully realized his 'unfitness to prepare and deliver an address suitable to the occasion,' his very modesty proved a tower of strength. But we part company with him when he says: "Oh! Masonic Lodge, greatest of all religions!" If Masonry is a religion, we have never discovered the fact."

Shake, Brother Kneffer!

His concise, courteous review of Alabama—1904, is highly appreciated. The writer would gratefully acknowledge complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. Jeremiah W. Robinson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Theophilus W. Randall, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

66TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1905.

Bro. Wm. B. Wright, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 738. Members, 74,741. Net gain in members, 3,861.

Total contributed by Lodges to Charity, \$35,750.36.

This well arranged and well printed volume is embellished with portraits of several brethren, including Grand Master Wm. B. Wright, and Past Grand Masters Dewitt C. Gegier, James A. Hawley, H. P. H. Bromwell, Harman G. Reynolds and Jerome R. Goins. It also contains attractive views of the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan, and the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago.

Our Representative, Bro. E. C. Allen (now M.: W.: Grand Master), was at his post with the Representatives of thirty-nine other Grand Jurisdictions.

The M.: W.: Grand Master's Address, covering thirty-five

and one-half pages, is a well expressed reflex of his administration.

Under Necrology he reports official notification, from twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions, of the ravages of the "Insatiate Archer," and gives a list of one hundred and four past and present Masters of Lodges in his own Jurisdiction, who had died during the year.

"The raging sea of human life forever onward rolls
And bears to the eternal shore its daily freight of souls."

During the year seven Lodge Halls had been dedicated, seven Lodges constituted, eight organized U. D., five Lodges supplied with duplicate charters, and nineteen cornerstones had been laid according to Ancient Masonic Usage. Five schools of Instruction had been held under the conduct of the Board of Grand Examiners.

The Grand Master's thirteen decisions submitted breathe the right spirit, whether approved or not. We reproduce three or four of them, as follows:

"1. The loss of sight in one eye, the other retaining the power of sight, does not of itself disqualify a candidate for the degrees in Masonry." Correct.

"3. To name a corporation not organized *for profit*, 'Quincy Masonic Benevolent Association,' does not violate Sec. 7, Art. 32, Part Second, Grand Lodge By Laws." We would add, "*provided*, the members of said Association were Masons."

"10. Cook's Standard Monitor and the Book of Ceremonials are the only books containing ritual and ceremonials authorized in Illinois. The use of 'keys' as 'cyphers' is a violation of Masonic obligations, and ground for discipline."

As to the last sentence of this decision, we ejaculate, "Good!"

In No. 11, he decided that a saloon keeper was eligible to the degrees in Masonry, and referred to Bro. Robbins' able argument on the subject in his report, 1904, sustaining his views on the matter.

In the letter of the law laying down the qualifications of candidates for initiation, nothing is said in reference to rum shops, but we venture the opinion that, in the Alabama Jurisdiction, a whiskey dealer's petition could hardly survive the arbitrament of the ballot.

In decision 13, we are glad to see that he had come to the conclusion to lay no more corner-stones of churches on Sunday.

The oration by Brother Herbert Preston was an impressive and well constructed discourse.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we learn that the cash on hand, all funds, amounted to \$78,284.84, and bonds and securities on hand, all funds, \$87,300.00, making total assets in the treasury \$165,584.84.

Past Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Robbins, Committee on Correspondence, presented his annual report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Home and the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home presents the subjects considered in a very clear light. The Trustees, finding the Home at Sullivan, which was originally designed for both children and aged and indigent Masons, their wives and widows, wholly inadequate for that object, made arrangements for the separation of the old and young. There being plenty of room for the children at Chicago, they recommended that only so many children as are necessary to comply with the provisions of the will, be kept at Sullivan.

Recognizing that there is no place so good for a child as in a good family with suitable home surroundings, the Trustees recommended that a system be adopted by which children could be placed in good families. They well say: "The home is the work of civilization and its choicest flower and fruit."

The contentment of the old Masons in the Home for the Aged and Indigent, is a guarantee of the fitness of their Retreat.

The cost of maintenance of the Chicago Home has been, per capita, about \$3 20 a week.

The cost of maintenance at Sullivan, leaving out of the account extraordinary expenses, has been \$3.17 per week. This includes board, clothes, education and medical attendance with trained nurses. The members of that Board are evidently the right sort of men to manage the great beneficence.

The Committee on Obituary made fitting report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted to five Lodges U. D., and four such Lodges were continued U. D. another year.

The Jurisprudence Committee, reporting on the decisions of the Grand Master, approved of most of them. The Committee recommended approval of decision No. 2, with substitution of

the word illegal for the word "void," so that it would read as follows:

"2. The installation of Lodge officers by a brother not having the qualifications specified in Sec. 5, Art 6, Part Second, Grand Lodge By-Laws, is illegal."

The Committee disapproved No. 3 because the use of the word "Masonic" in the style of "Quincy Masonic Benevolent Association," violates one of the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

No. 5 reads as follows: "The failure of a Master to announce the report of an investigating committee does not affect the validity of the ballot regularly spread upon the petition of a candidate, whether it results in the candidate's election or rejection."

The Committee could not recommend approval of No. 5, because in its opinion the ballot cannot be "regularly spread" unless the Lodge is in possession of the result of investigation by its own committee.

The Committee "heartily commend the decision of the Grand Master in refraining from" laying any more corner-stones on Sunday.

In a special report made by the Committee on Correspondence, M.: W.: Bro. Joseph Robbins, which report was adopted, Bro. Robbins recommended non-action on the application for recognition made by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, too much mystery enveloping the claim of said Grand Body to recognition.

In the same report, Bro. Robbins, after presenting his views upon the subject, offered for adoption the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*. That the Grand Lodge of Queensland is hereby recognized as being regularly formed under conditions fully warranting such action, and therefore rightfully entitled to exclusive Masonic jurisdiction continuous with the political boundaries of the State wherein it exists;

"*Resolved*. That the Grand Lodge of Illinois cordially well comes the Grand Lodge of Queensland into the equal sisterhood of Grand Lodges and will gladly cultivate closer fraternal relations therewith by an exchange of representatives."

In the body of his report, our distinguished Brother says, after having intimated that in his last report, he had not recommended immediate recognition of the new Grand Lodge because the evidence in hand that a large majority of the Lodges would at once have given in their adhesion to the movement for an in-

dependent Grand Lodge if they had been left free to act, recognizing the right of the Lodges participating in the convention to speak for said Lodges, was not complete:

"It was not clearly in evidence from so much of the record as was in our hands that all the Lodges in the territory had been invited to participate in the Convention. Since that report was made, however, we have come into possession of abundant evidence on this point, not only in the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but from sources unfriendly to that body. V. W.: Bro. John Strahan, grand registrar (law officer) of the Grand Lodge of England, in an official report attempting to discredit the regularity of the new grand lodge, speaking from a thorough knowledge of the proceedings, says that 'overtures were made to the English and Scotch Lodges to join the movement.'"

"This fact being established beyond dispute, it is manifest that the Convention when assembled had complete jurisdiction of the subject matter which it was called to consider, and was fully authorized to determine whether or not an independent Grand Lodge should be organized. Every Lodge in the territory was entitled to be present and bear its part in answering the question which could then and there, and then and there only, be lawfully asked and answered. That Convention answered in the affirmative; and proceeding regularly, acting always within its rights under the common law of Masonry, did form an independent Grand Lodge which at once became the ultimate source of Masonic authority within the political boundaries of the State of Queensland. As such it is entitled to recognition and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:"

Then follow the two resolutions recited above.

We do not concur with our eminent Brother in his conclusion because we fail to perceive the correctness of his premise. Conceding that every Lodge in the territory *was* invited to participate in the movement, the question remains: did those Lodges or a majority of them accept said invitation? No, a large majority of those Lodges made no response and did not participate. Should one-fourth—or a little more—of the Lodges in a given territory assert authority over the three-fourth of said Lodges which did not give their assent to the proposed movement? We see no justice in the proposition, and confess that—high as is our respect for Brother Robbins' opinion, (and that respect is very high), we cannot concur with him here. Let a majority of all the Lodges in Queensland join in such movement, and we say "God speed them."

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The report on Correspondence is submitted by that very able and accomplished reviewer, Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, who, in 300 pages of the proceedings, presents a "treasure house" of thought and information for the Masonic scholar to study with profit to himself.

In his instructive introduction he gives a "black eye" to the practice of rotation in office, he well says:

"It takes the new Master the better part of his first term in office to get himself firmly seated in the ritualistic saddle, and when he first enters the Grand Lodge, the ritual is the one thing with which he is most familiar and in which he is most at home. With a body largely composed of such it is but natural that the ritual should become unduly magnified, and what is but a 'means to an end' to be regarded as an end itself and gets to be almost, if not quite, a fetish to be worshiped."

On the question of admission of visitors to the Lodge, he thinks that "producing proper vouchers" does not necessarily mean the production of documentary evidence, but it may be the production of a person who proves the fact by verbal statement.

He also devotes some space to consideration of the Queens land matter, presenting about the same argument that appears in his special report, already referred to.

Alabama--1901, is generously and courteously given nearly seven pages of his valuable space.

Bro. Robbins quotes ten of Grand Master Robt. J. Redden's sixteen decisions, "as involving questions of general interest."

In referring to decision No. 9, our Brother intimates that the Alabama law requiring the actual presence of the Charter in order to open the Lodge, does not obtain in Illinois. We, however, contend that the Lodge, when open, should always be able to exhibit its warrant--its authority to work. But it is not needful to "thresh out that old straw" at this time, hence we desist.

As to No. 16, which was elicited by the following statement and question. "A profane is rejected for initiation. Afterwards he petitions another Lodge, and the consent of the first Lodge is obtained for the second Lodge to receive and act upon the petition. Is rejected by second Lodge. Afterwards moves into jurisdiction of third Lodge and petitions it."

"Query: Must consent of 1st and 2d Lodges be obtained?"
"Held—Only consent of 1st Lodge must be obtained."

Our Law Committee held that, before a petition can be received and acted on, permission must be obtained from every Lodge that had previously rejected the candidate.

Says Brother Robbins:

"On this point the Illinois law is so explicit as to leave no doubt, and under it neither of these opposing views would apply, providing as it does, that when a Lodge waives jurisdiction over a resident profane, a rejected candidate, or unfinished material, the relinquishment shall be held to be permanent, and thereafter complete jurisdiction rests alone in the Lodge in whose favor the waiver was made."

The Illinois law coincides with the view we, personally, had formed in respect of this matter, and we thank Brother Robbins for acquainting us with the Illinois law on this subject.

He animadverts upon Alabama's action in regard to constitutional amendment providing for a per capita tax to build a Widows' and Orphans' Home. Brother Robbins throws the following fragrant bouquet at our esteemed Deputy Grand Master:

"We are glad to note the promotion of Bro. Ben M. Jacobs to the office of Deputy Grand Master. With him Masonry is in the blood. His father, the late Messes Jacobs, of this city, was one of the first of our Masonic acquaintances in the West, and remained among our valued friends throughout the remainder of his life."

He will please accept the writer's acknowledgment of his kind reference to the report of the latter upon Foreign Correspondence. He says we "attached a little black and white string" to our compliment paid Bro. McFatrick's scholarly address—"naturally, perhaps, because of his (our) environment—feeling that the orator had unnecessarily touched upon the race question."

He says we disagree with him as to the right of a Lodge to refuse to receive a petition for the degrees or for affiliation. He states that our Law Committee based its opinion on the constitutional provision that the petition "shall be placed in the hands of a committee," and says:

"This, Brother Titcomb says, is mandatory. 'It is so writ in the law.' To this we agree, but the question is, when does it become applicable? Manifestly not until the petition is in the possession of the Lodge; and this being so, of course it cannot be invoked to decide how that possession shall be obtained."

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"The Code of every grand jurisdiction reflects the law requiring previous notice and due inquiry and, as a rule, in language nearly or quite identical with the Alabama law; but so far as we know, Alabama stands alone in holding that this provision touches in any way the prior question whether in any given case the Lodge will receive the petition and thus invest itself with jurisdiction to inquire."

"We should like to quote from Brother Titcomb's report passages of interest which we had marked for that purpose, but our Alabama manuscript has already assumed such proportions that we must forbear."

And, on our part, for like reason, we must desist, and omit quotation of passages marked by us for notice, in Brother Robbins' very instructive review."

Bro. C. E. Allen, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. H. C. Dill, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

85TH ANNUAL (89TH YEAR)—INDIANAPOLIS—MAY, 1906.

Bro. Alfred W. Emery, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Active Lodges, 531. Membership, 45,059. Net gain, 2,432.
521 Chartered Lodges, represented at this Communication.

A portrait of Grand Master-elect, Lincoln V. Cravens graces the initial page of this neat volume. The double-leaded type of the text is grateful to our old eyes.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present at the Communication we are reviewing; also the Representatives of thirty-one Grand Lodges, M.: W.: Martin H. Rice appearing for Alabama.

In the opening sentences of his address, the Grand Master said:

"Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings that have come into our lives through the channel of this fraternity, and that by it we are better able to do the will of the Master in serving our fellow-men."

Under the head Necrology, he states that but one of the Past Grand Officers had died during the year—M.: W.: Frank S. Deval, to whose memory he pays feeling tribute.

The Grand Master gives the correspondence between himself and the Grand Master of Masons in California on the subject of

aid rendered the sufferers by the awful earthquake and fire at San Francisco, in April last, and states that up to May 15th, the total contributions of the Masons in Indiana, to the aid of the sufferers in San Francisco, amounted to \$3,893.50. Such action forms an important part of true Free Masonry.

The Grand Master had, in person or by proxy, constituted six Lodges during the year; dedicated three Lodge Halls; granted ten dispensations to elect officers; given permission to nineteen Lodges to change location, and eight corner-stones had been laid—two personally, and six by his Representative.

His twelve decisions show careful consideration of the matters presented, and in accordance with well settled law, if indeed the seventh is generally accepted as in such accord. No. 7 is as follows:

"An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft can not be stopped longer than one month by a mere objection. An objector must prefer charges and prove them to the satisfaction of the Lodge in order to prevent a candidate's advancement." Different from Alabama rule.

We do not remember such a case as appears in No. 6. It is in substance as follows: A brother can sign an application for membership by affiliation, he having almost entirely lost his sight, with his work, properly witnessed by a brother. We concur.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge sustained all the decisions of the Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer held, May 14, 1906, balance of cash in the sum of \$29,355.62.

Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather, made the highly satisfactory statement that, "The Lodges have all made their reports and paid their dues in full. There has been no delinquency in either. The increase in membership for the year 1905 was slightly greater than that of the previous year, being 2,482. At the present rate of increase it will be but a year or two until there will be fifty thousand Masons in Indiana in good standing."

The report of the Trustees shows that the net proceeds from Grand Lodge property, for the year ending May 9, 1906, were \$4,039.74.

M. W. Daniel McDonald presented his Annual Review of

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proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges—sixty odd—which appears in these proceedings.

Grand Secretary Prather reported that, from all sources, the "Contributions to the Distressed of California" had, up to date, amounted to \$5,589 50.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The several reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals were concurred in save that, in one case, where the committee recommended mitigation of the punishment inflicted by the Lodge, Grand Lodge did not concur in said recommendation, but sustained the action of the Lodge imposing the higher penalty.

In its report an essay on mortal and immortal life, the committee on Necrology stated the number of deaths in the Jurisdiction, during the year, to have been six hundred and fifty-eight. The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to three Lodges U. D. One of these was conditioned upon the purchase of a set of finance books for their Secretary and Treasurer, their "record of finances" being "poorly kept."

On the application of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, in the Province of the same name, organized September 1, 1905, for recognition, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence says:

"The proceedings of the organization seem to have been regular and in accordance with universal custom in the formation of Grand Lodges, but the time having been so short since the political changes took place creating the Province of Alberta, and the fact that we have no legal knowledge of the change having been made; and the further fact that no Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of the new Grand Lodge and its Subordinates appear in the proceedings before us, and do not seem to have been adopted, we do not think it advisable to extend recognition at the present time. Therefore we, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom the matter was referred, offer for adoption the following:

"Resolved, That recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of obtaining further information in regard to the legality of its formation and other matters connected therewith."

Report concurred in and resolution adopted.

The same committee reported favorably on the application of

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the body styling itself Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition Adopted.

The report evinces considerable research on the part of the committee. It is too long to copy.

The Grand Inspector, in his six-page report, puts several Lodges on the gridiron. This stricture will, no doubt, be productive of much improvement in those Lodges which needed the roasting—broiling rather.

The Committee on the death of Past Grand Master Frank S. Deval made report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, as was also the report of the Committee on Distinguished Dead of other Jurisdictions.

On page 98 of these proceedings we find a "note" to the effect that after the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary, as to the California fund, were in print, a letter came from Grand Master Flint of California, advising Grand Master Emery to withhold further remittances until further advices. This leaves in the Grand Master's hands \$1,355.75.

On recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Home, it was decided to be impracticable and inexpedient to take steps at this time looking to the establishment of a Home.

On recommendation of Committee on Inspection, the salary of the Grand Inspector was raised from \$50 00 to \$75 00 a month and expenses. Grand Inspector Wolfe's good, thorough work is appreciated.

Wednesday, May 9th, the Masonic Temple was seriously damaged by fire. Grand Lodge carried insurance in 21 companies, of which all but two promptly paid the amount of their losses, without claiming the benefit of the sixty days allowed by the policy and without asking any discount. Grand Lodge is now wrestling with the question, whether or not, to rebuild or remodel the old Temple or to build a new one. At last the entire question was referred to a committee composed of the Board of Trustees, and the incoming and retiring Grand Masters, with power to act. Our Indiana Brethren are well able to build a fine home.

The usual presentation of a jewel to the retiring Grand Master was duly made.

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Past Grand Master, Daniel McDonald, presented his wanted, A. No. 1, review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges (60 odd) Alabama 1905 is courteously treated in about two pages of printed matter, in which he says:

"The address of the Grand Master was purely a business paper, confined entirely to the business transacted by him during the year."

In the writer's opinion (personal of course) Brother McDonald justly criticizes the ruling "A man, who cannot read and write, is eligible to be made a Mason." Let him speak for himself. He says:

"That may be in strict accord with the law in Alabama, but it seems to us that it is lowering the standard of Masonry beyond low-water mark to permit a man, these days of schools and colleges, to enter an institution that, under the circumstances, could do him no good, and certainly he could do it no good. If ours was an operative institution he might be sent into the quarries and taught to work until he could produce such specimens of his skill as would entitle him to wages when he would be taught how to receive them in a proper manner. But a man, who has grown to the years of maturity without having learned to read and write, is beyond the point where he will ever accomplish anything as a speculative Mason."

The writer returns thanks for kindly reference to his report:

Bro. Lincoln V. Cravens, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Calvin W. Prather, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

32D ANNUAL—TULSA, CREEK NATION—AUG. 1905.

Whole No. of Lodges 168—Members 6,363—Net gain 600.

Bro. Wilson O. Bruton, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

A half-tone portrait of Grand Master Bruton adorns the first page of this volume. From a brief sketch of the Grand Master's life we learn that his father was Dr. Crowell W. Bruton of Scotch-Irish descent, and his mother was the oldest daughter of Chief Thomas Chisholm, the last Head Chief of the Cherokees by inheritance. This blending of the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock and Indian blood has, in this instance, produced a Grand Master

whose character is inferior to none. (His father, it seems, served as Surgeon on the staff of the Cherokee General, Stand Watie, in the Confederate army.)

During the year, five Emergent Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

Ten Past Grand Masters attended the Communication under review; also fourteen Grand Representatives, Alabama's included, did the same.

The Grand Master's address is an excellent document, straightforward, earnest, breathing the true spirit of Masonry.

He had issued dispensations to constitute and set to work fifteen new Lodges, and had granted dispensations for the formation of eighteen Lodges U. D.

Five corner stones had been laid, viz: One for Masonic Hall, one for school house, and three for churches.

The Grand Master had been unable to make many visitations. He hoped that, so soon as the Widows' and Orphans Home should be placed on a firm financial basis, Grand Lodge would annually appropriate money enough to pay expense of visiting all the Lodges. Present appropriation barely paid for his stationery and postage stamps.

The Grand Master reported sixteen decisions, of which three-fourths were sustained by the Committee on Law and Usage. One of those which the committee did not approve, was to the effect that "a Master Mason who is clear upon the books, and against whom there are no charges filed with the Master or Secretary, is, upon application to the Master or Secretary, entitled to a dimitt without any action on the part of the Lodge, and may apply for and receive the same lawfully at any time with or without the knowledge of the other members of the body."

The committee showed that the uniform Code of By-Laws provided that no dimitt could be granted except in open Lodge.

Grand Master Bruton evidently had the courage of his convictions. His administration will rank with any that have preceded it.

Our Brethren of Indian Territory have been filled with great joy at the accomplishment of a thing for which they have faithfully striven—the accumulation of a Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund of \$50,000.00. The glad news that the money had been raised, quickened every pulse. To their praise be it said. that the money was made up by voluntary contribution or sub-

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scription. The one man whose zeal, devotion and splendid efforts did more than any others to accomplish this most desirable object was no other than Past Grand Master, Henry M. Furman. No splendor of royalty could shed such luster as will this crowning glory which forms a halo encircling the head of M. W. Brother Furman. The benedictions of the widow and the fatherless will never cease to follow his footsteps. But transcending all other rewards of his labor, is the "well done" from on High.

As a token of its love and esteem for him Grand Lodge unanimously voted a gift to Brother Furman of \$1,500.

The grand total of cash in the hands of the Trustees of the Orphans' Home Fund, was \$51,428.02. The Trustees have wisely put \$29,979.34 to work at 6 and 7 per cent. interest.

The report of the Financial Agent of the Orphans' Fund, M. W. Bro. Furman, is an inspiration, so full is it of the best Masonic spirit, so manifest is its self abnegation, and so replete is it with real encouragement that the generous brethren whose aid has been so valuable, must feel good over it. All honor to him and them.

The salary of the Grand Master was increased from \$300.00 to \$500.00, in order that he might visit each subordinate Lodge at least once a year.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, warrants (or charters) were granted to eighteen new Lodges. A "land office business."

The application for recognition of the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, was deferred for future consideration. M. W. Thomas C. Humphry, Committee on Correspondence, made special report recommending recognition of Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico. "After some discussion the report was withdrawn, but afterwards taken up and laid over until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge."

The next Annual Communication will be held in the city of Ardmore.

Several matters of interest in this volume are passed over for lack of space to give them due consideration. The Grand Orator neglected to send in a copy of his address delivered before Grand Lodge, hence it does not appear in this volume of proceedings.

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If our Brethren of Indian Territory do not read with care the report on Correspondence by Bro. Thos. C Humphry, they will miss a large amount of Masonic information. Brother Humphry's Third Annual Report is a good one. He reviews the proceedings of 56 Grand Lodges, giving a short synopsis of each.

Alabama—1904, receives a courteous and generous notice covering nearly four pages of this volume. Brother Humphry will please accept grateful acknowledgments.

Under Texas he quotes Bro. Matthews' expression of feeling that the rule (in general use) that Lodges U. D. cannot receive members by affiliation, is without reason. He quotes the foregoing without comment. As for ourselves we would quite agree with Bro. Matthews as to that matter, were not a Lodge U. D. transient in its tenure, subject to the will of the Grand Master for its existence.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Humphry being an "expansionist" (p. 118 of his review) will pardon the suggestion that he exchange congratulations with Brother Cornelius Heiges of Montana.

Bro. Richard Willison Choate, M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

Bro. Joseph Samuel Murrow (P. G. M.) R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.

IOWA—1906.

In advance of the "Proceedings" we have received the Report on Correspondence, and leaflets embracing the Annual Address of Bro. W. H. Norris, M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Report of Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, Newton R. Parvin, and report on Grand Charity Fund.

From the Grand Master's address it is learned that the number of Chartered Lodges is 505—membership 36,789, and net increase of members, 1,060; that he had granted dispensations for forming three new Lodges; that he had refused several applications therefor, the reasons being deemed good and sufficient for said refusal; that one new Masonic hall had been dedicated; that pursuant to previous order, three Charters had been issued, that two corner-stones had been laid; also, that five decisions had been rendered.

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The Grand Master animadverted upon the laxity of some Lodges in respect of conformity to the requirements of the law, especially in respect of elections.

He duly and fitly remembered the Fraternal Dead.

He had but sparingly granted special dispensations for such purposes as the following, viz: to reballot on petitions; to act on petitions at other than stated meetings; to elect officers at other time than that prescribed by law, and to transact regular business at called meetings. He did not believe that the Grand Master should assume prerogatives not clearly recognized as vested in him by the Constitution and Statutes.

He highly complimented the work of the Grand Librarian, and warmly commended the thirty-eight District Lecturers commissioned by the Board of Custodians to hold Schools of Instruction. Twenty-one such schools had been held during year.

The Grand Master's five decisions submitted are, in our humble opinion, "sound as a dollar." No. 1 held that "when issue is taken on the charge or charges of an information" such issue cannot be tried and determined at the meeting—a regular, stated meeting—contemplated by the notice provided for in Sec. 309 of the Code, but the trial must be held at a special meeting of the Lodge to be summoned for that purpose as provided for by law.

No. 2 held that no brother had a right to prevent the installation of a regularly elected officer by simply filing an objection thereto.

No. 3 denied the right of an accused member to be represented in a Masonic trial by counsel not a member of the fraternity, also the right to hear the testimony of a profane given orally before a trial Lodge.

No. 4 held that Grand Lodge dues are not divisible into less than annual periods, and that when a brother becomes a member of a Lodge he is charged with the payment of the full amount of Subordinate Lodge Dues for the current semi-annual period.

No. 5. "Fifth—I have held with reference to the rights of members under the so-called liquor legislation adopted by the Grand Body that the exception to the general statute adopted at Sioux City in 1904, will not exempt a brother from the penalty provided for by the Statute, where, after the adoption of the exception, he quit the business of selling intoxicating liquors to be

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used as a beverage, and now wishes to resume the business again."

The contributions to the sufferers by the San Francisco disaster, made by Iowa Masons, said the Grand Master, "approximated \$5,000 00.

The modesty of the Grand Master's conclusion bespeaks his merit.

Grand Secretary Newton R. Parvin, is as we have heretofore affirmed, a model Grand Secretary.

Faithful officer that he is, having the good of the Fraternity at heart, he praises where merit is found, but admonishes where laxity or delinquency or error is met with.

He regrets to note the fact that some of the Lodges in Iowa are very careless in the manner in which they conduct trials. If Brethren will reflect upon what injustice, or harm may be wrought by failure to properly proceed with trials they will, surely, take more pains to do the right thing in all respects. He records twenty-seven cases on which Grand Lodge should act.

Under the head of "Losses by Fire," he repeats what had, time and again, been urged upon Lodges, viz: that they file, in the Grand Secretary's office, a complete list of officers and members from date of organization, and thus guard against loss of such record by fire.

He recommends that the Grand Lodge pass a resolution or amend its Code so as to provide that no visitor be examined until he has produced a certificate under seal of his Lodge showing that he is a member in good standing, said certificate to be certified, under the seal of his Grand Lodge, that said Subordinate Lodge is a legal Lodge under that Jurisdiction,

The Grand Secretary intimates that the Grand Lodge of Iowa has been criticised in some quarters for "marring the appearance of the Grand Lodge Proceedings with full printed reports of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, reciting as they do the facts of the charges against brother Master Masons, giving much of the testimony presented in trials. In the opinion of many all details should be omitted from the printed reports, leaving only the name of the Lodge, and the final action of the committee, with, perhaps the brother's initials to be made public to the

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world." He commends this cause, and thinks his Grand Lodge would do well to follow such plan in future. Our own Grand Lodge has in times past incurred similar criticism, but we are tending toward elimination of disgusting details from such reports.

R. W. Bro. Parvin's memorial of deceased Grand Secretaries is excellent.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was \$31,850.11.

From the report on Grand Charity Fund it is learned that forty-eight Master Masons, or Master Masons' widows and orphans received help from the Grand Charity fund during past year. The committee is gratified to be able to state that there is not, in Iowa, a single Master Mason or Master Mason's widow or orphan receiving help or support from any public charitable institution in the State. The disbursements from the Fund (Grand Charity) for relief of these forty-eight beneficiaries, amounted to \$5,897.70

The total Permanent Fund, May 31, 1906, was the sum of \$12,687.48.

The report of the Grand Secretary as Librarian justifies the great esteem and estimate in which he is held. To arrange and properly care for, that magnificent Library at Cedar Rapids, must require much more than ordinary ability.

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To intimate that Brother Joseph E. Marcombe, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, is a scholarly, versatile and well informed reviewer, is superfluous, since, as such, he is universally recognized.

His well written Introduction closes with these words:

"Yet I need not in this presence assert that Masonry is more than formula; that in the adytum of our Temple there is revealed some portion of the eternal verities. To one who has learned aught beyond its words Masonry attracts by its history, charms with its philosophy, and by the very power of thought it holds together pure-hearted, clean-handed men in ceaseless service for their fellows. The Fraternity is now, and will continue to be, an active force in the world. Its power for good will increase as we learn more fully to use its organized influence. Even now among the nations, all unsuspected, it is substituting the evangel of peace for the ancient and ruthless law of strife and bitterness; teaching ever the great lesson of common brotherhood, in which there is "neither border nor breed nor

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birth;" seeking in all things to bring nearer the reign of righteousness on earth."

For these great purposes—

"Work, brother mine, with hand and brain,
To win the golden age again;
Till Love's millenial morn shall rise
In happy hearts and blessed eyes,
And all the world may know that we
Are Knights in God's own chivalry."

Nearly three pages of Brother Marcombe's valuable space are given to Alabama—1905. He says:

"The Proceedings, from cover to cover of the Annual Volume, are filled with matters of Masonic interest and value. The work of the Reviewer is simplified by the care which Grand Secretary Beauchamp has exercised in editing and arrangement."

"The Annual Address of Grand Master, Henry H. Matthews, is a clear presentment of work performed and indicates that throughout his year of office he had been in close touch with all Masonic activities of his jurisdiction, in all exercising a wise control, and proving himself a master of Craft."

In course of his observations concerning the decision that an applicant who cannot read and write is not ineligible on that account, Brother Marcombe pertinently says:

"If, as some of us contend, bodily maim or defect should operate as a bar to entrance, how shall one blinded by ignorance be 'capable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord?'" It may be laid down as a safe general proposition, that every person admitted should reach the standard of average physical and mental manhood. One absolutely illiterate is a defective in greater degree than another deficient in his proper bodily members. On the physical side Brother Matthews' decisions are sound. Artificial limbs do not go in Alabama."

R. W.: Brother Beauchamp's report is highly complimented. How little soever we may feel that we weren't it, all the same the graceful compliment paid this scribe by Brother Marcombe is gratefully appreciated.

In regard to the suggested Bi-Centennial, 1917, we had, after commanding the scheme, ventured to hint the possibility of finding represented there, Bodies with which our Grand Lodges do not fraternize. Brother Marcombe thereupon says:

"Surely, Brother Titcomb, the Grand Lodge of England, from which source, if the meeting be held, all invitations must emanate, can be relied upon to preserve the regularity of the

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assemblage. The mother is best competent to pass upon the legitimacy of her offspring."

"Closing his review of Alabama, he says:

"For the kindly things said of our own report Brother Titcomb has our grateful thanks. He is inclined to believe this writer too severe in criticism of windy Masonic orators. But our colleague should remember that the flood of senseless and misleading twaddle has tendency to increase. The average Masonic oration, be it delivered at a Lodge banquet or Grand Communication, shows a woeful ignorance of real history and meaning of the Craft. A growing evil, Brother Titcomb, cannot be effectually reprehended with sugared phrases."

Admitting that the average Masonic Oration is not very instructive, we would nevertheless call attention to the musty adage, "Vinegar never catches flies."

Brother Marcombe seems inclined to question the utility of the system of Grand Representatives.

He believes that "the use of Keys or Ciphers" is a violation of Masonic obligations, and ground for discipline."

Wisely recognizing the great ability of Brother Robbins, of Illinois, he nevertheless disagrees with that Brother in respect of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland, and says:

"We are still convinced of the wisdom of delay, hoping most sincerely that the differences in the antipodean province will be speedily adjusted."

Our own sentiments.

Referring to Brother Vanderlieth's disagreement with the writer and Brother Barlow respecting entrance of Roman Catholics into the Fraternity, he says:

"But Brother Vanderlieth in this matter mistakes sentiment for argument. The objection is not to the Catholic because of his religion—but because of the constant opposition to Masonry which the church as a secular organization, will exert upon such an one. To become a Mason he must become a renegade from the church in which he has been reared. If he forsakes it because of fancied social advantages or during a period of pique, the old sentiments will in time reassert their power. His friends and family will seek to influence him. He cannot be either good Catholic or good Mason. And in the last hours, knowing that his church will not grant the rites of absolution unless he renounces Masonry, is it right to force such decision upon any man?"

There is much in this fine Report we would like to reproduce, but, we must "hold up."

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IRELAND—1905.

On our table lies an excellently executed volume of proceedings at the Stated Communication, St. John's Day, December 27, 1905. This publication is highly embellished with a portrait of Sir James Creed Meredith, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, a portrait of R. W. Bro. The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Ossory, and with views of the Boys' Orphan School at Richview, and the Masonic Female Orphans' School at Ball's Bridge, Co. Dublin.

The leading feature of the proceedings was the annual address by R. W., Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, to whom the Deputy Grand Master, on account of his own recent illness, had delayed the task of making said address. And right nobly was that task performed. Bro. Crawley's style is clear as crystal, and smoothly flowing as a limpid stream over shining pebbly bottom. The address was historical and must have been peculiarly interesting to the brethren assembled. It is too long to copy, and a few random extracts would do it rank injustice. We cannot, however, forbear repeating the following, which we have elsewhere noticed :

"It is our proud boast that our Ritual, which is now the oldest working Ritual of Free Masonry in the world, *has never been reduced to writing.*" (Our italics.)

We have also made mention, with great pleasure, of his very handsome compliment, under Foreign Relations, to our esteemed Brother of Colorado, in which Bro. Crawley said:

"Our Brother Greenleaf has sacrificed on the altar of the muses to good purpose. His metrical contributions to the literature of the Craft are inspired by true poetic feeling, and will stand favorable comparison with any Masonic verses that have appeared since the days of Robert Burns."

Good!

On Dec. 10, 1905, in the National Cathedral at Dublin, the Lord Bishop of Ossory preached an admirable sermon before the gathered hosts of Masonry. The music rendered by the cathedral choir, on that occasion, was truly inspiring.

This volume also contains reports on the condition of the various charitable funds of Grand Lodge.

Fifteen Provincial Grand Lodges are of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

During the year twelve warrants had been issued to Lodges—one warrant had been surrendered, and two restored. Twelve brethren had been restored, three suspended, one expelled.

The Auditory (expert accountants) found from the Treasurer's books and accounts that for the year, receipts amounted to \$34,844.62, and after all disbursements, balance on hand was \$11,163.70.

Receipts of Grand Lodge Charity Fund were \$3,781.12. Balance after expenditures, \$1,603.37.

The Brethren in Ireland take just pride in their two Orphan Schools.

For the benefit of those of our Brethren who have not seen the resolutions adopted at the International Conference between Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, held in London, June 29, 1905, we transcribe the same.

"The following resolutions were agreed to:—

"1. The three Grand Lodges agree that any member of the Craft who may be suspended or expelled in one jurisdiction shall not, while so disqualified, be permitted to visit or join any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the others; and each Grand Lodge shall cause notice of all decrees of suspension or expulsion to be sent to the other Grand Lodges. And in case of such decrees being made abroad, the District or Provincial authorities acting, shall also notify the neighboring District Authorities of all three jurisdictions."

"2. In each of these jurisdictions, a duly installed Master under either of the other constitutions shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be entitled to be present at a Board (i. e., conclave) of Installed Masters, and to form one of the quorum; but not to preside therein or to install a Master, unless requested to do so by the Board (i. e., conclave). Nor can a visiting Master or Past Master of another constitution preside in the Lodge he is visiting. In case there is not present a Master or Past Master duly qualified under the home jurisdiction, then, and then only the Officer in charge of the Lodge may request a Master or Past Master under one of the other two constitutions to perform any ceremony which the Warden is not competent to perform. This agreement is not to interfere with the right of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to invite a member of the Lodge or a visiting Master or Past Master of any of the three constitutions to perform any ceremony without assuming the chair."

"3. The question of recognizing a new Grand Lodge in any colony or other territory in which the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction, and in which they have warranted Lodges working, shall not be taken into consideration unless at least two-thirds of the Lodges under each jurisdiction have signified

their adhesion to such new body; and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. After the recognition of such new Grand Lodge as a sovereign body, the respective authorities of the three Grand Lodges will surrender their rights to warrant new Lodges within the jurisdiction of the new body, provided always that the rights of Lodges not adhering to the new body shall be fully safeguarded."

While a more liberal policy was desired by the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, they would not wreck the conference by insisting upon what it was evident they could not accomplish. They wisely judged it better to secure a partial benefit to the Craft than to cause an utter failure of agreement between the three Grand Lodges.

The resolutions have been ratified by all three of the Grand bodies named.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Lord Castletown, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

Bro. A. E. Flavelle, W.'. Deputy Grand Secretary (to whom communications should be addressed.)

KANSAS.

50TH ANNUAL—TOPEKA—FEBRUARY, 1906.

No. of Lodges 374—Members 27,167—Net gain 1,181.

Brother Samuel Samuel R. Perkins, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

This handsome volume is embellished with a portrait of Grand Master Perkins and with pictures in group of the appointive officers—1905.

Our Representative, W.'. Bro. Thos. J. Anderson, and forty other Representatives were reported present. Also, there were in attendance seven Past Grand Masters and twenty two District Deputies—The total attendance was 693 brethren, and the total No. of Lodges represented was 305.

The address of the Grand Master is a plain, comprehensive review of his administration. He feelingly announced the death of two Past Grand Masters—Geo. S. Green, and Henry C. Loomis.

The Grand Master had granted but one dispensation for forming a new Lodge. He gave the brethren some very wholesome advice in regard to organizing new Lodges. He thought that

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too great care could not be exercised in the establishment of such.

He made it plain that the law of 1903 requiring for special dispensations, payment of \$5.00, in the discretion of the Grand Master, had produced good results, for now no special dispensations were asked for without sufficient reasons therefor—hence all such had been granted.

Three corner-stones had been laid—that of the High School building at Wellington; that of a similar building at Conway Springs, and that of the Masonic Home Chapel being erected by the noble efforts of the O. E. S., in the city of Wichita.

The Grand Master stated that the report of the Treasurer to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home, was, in brief, as follows: "Cash on hand, January 1, 1905, \$13,661.92; and received during the year 1905 \$20,540.33—Total amount \$34,202.25—issued in checks \$31,193.73, leaving on hand \$3,008.52."

He had issued a strong edict for the protection of the Lodges against intrusion by clandestine Masons.

He reported six decisions, as follows:

1. A Lodge cannot confer degrees in separate rooms at the same time." "Approved"

"2. A Lodge cannot donate money from its Treasury to aid in securing a location for a business enterprise." "Modified"

"3. The objection to the advancement of a brother must be made in open Lodge by the brother making the objection." "Approved"

"4. Under By-Law 159, only one ballot upon each specification and charge can be taken upon the question of guilt, and if two-thirds of the brethren present and voting, do not vote 'guilty,' the accused is acquitted of such specification or charge." "Approved."

"5. The Grand Master can review the proceedings of a Masonic trial, and if he does not approve, can set them aside and order a new trial." "Approved."

"6. Physical deformity which prevents compliance with the forms and ceremonies of initiation, renders a candidate ineligible." "Modified."

The Grand Master paid a well merited tribute to Grand Secretary Brother Albert K. Wilson.

The several reports of the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, and the Council of Administration, were presented, and with the address of the Grand Master, were referred to the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers

February 20, 1908, the Grand Treasurer had cash on hand in the sum of \$26,787.99.

The report of the Grand Secretary is a model one—very full and complete, being a comprehensive exposé of all the affairs of Grand Lodge for the year. The financial and statistical portion is remarkably painstaking.

Brother Wilson is not one whose endeavor is to "hold down" his office with the least work possible, but he does all that is required by his position, and more too.

As Grand Librarian, he makes a somewhat lengthy, valuable report to which he appends a list of all the books in the Library. (The title of one of those books is, "Quabbalah." Is that a proper name, Brother Shaver? We ask the question at the hazard of displaying our ignorance, holding that such display is better than continuance in ignorance.)

The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, in recommending reference of the Grand Master's decisions to the Jurisprudence Committee, expressed the opinion that the decision respecting Physical Qualifications of candidates presented a matter of such importance that, "if any decisive action be contemplated it should be made a special order before this Grand Body."

The Grand Orator made a short but chaste and scholarly address on the theme, Masonry. In closing he paid the following tribute to Scotland's beloved poet—Burns:

"We as Masons, owe especial allegiance to the poem of Robert Burns, the sweet Scottish singer, a Mason and a brother. His reputation in literature is assured, and he ranks high among those who have expressed their emotions and their thoughts in poetry; and his fame has helped to glorify Masonry. May we cherish his memory, forgive his weaknesses and foibles, emulate his virtues, and ever hold his poems as dear and precious heritages from a true and noble man."

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., a charter was granted to Dwight Lodge U. D.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, approved heartily decisions 1, 3, 4 and 5. Also concurred in No. 2 with the following slight modification;

"A Lodge cannot donate money from its treasury to aid in securing a location for a business enterprise apart from Lodge purposes."

The committee, while unanimously of the opinion that decis-

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ion No. 6 states one of the fundamental legal principles of Freemasonry, nevertheless, to remove misapprehension, said :

"We approve as a substitute the language found in the ancient 'Charges of a Freemason,' which is as follows :

"No Master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body *that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother.*" (Italics ours)

So the committee took refuge behind the rampart of 'Old Charges,' which, on this point, as that distinguished Masonic jurist, the late Josiah H. Drummond of Maine, was wont to intimate, are susceptible of a liberal interpretation.

Instructed to prepare a standing regulation to carry into effect the Grand Master's recommendation relative to documentary evidence required in visiting Lodges, and as contemplated in his edict, the committee presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

"No. 23. No Lodge within this jurisdiction shall admit a visitor who shall be unable conclusively to establish by documentary evidence or personal voucher that he hails from some regular Lodge in this jurisdiction or within the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge, recognized by and in correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Kansas. Documentary evidence shall be a diploma, receipt for dues under seal of the Lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, written endorsement by a Grand Master, or certificate of dimission—all of which shall designate a Lodge or Grand Lodge known to be regular and within the provisions of this regulation. Vouchers shall be personal, and made only in Lodge by some member thereof, or by a Master Mason who has established his right to sit in such Lodge. In all cases it shall be the duty of the Master of the Lodge to ascertain that the Lodge from which the visitor claims to hail, is a regular Lodge within the provisions of this regulation."

"No. 24. No Lodge within this jurisdiction shall, after June 30, 1908, issue a receipt for dues except upon a prepared blank form to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, which form shall contain a printed or lithographed certificate with fac simile signature of the Grand Secretary, and seal of the Grand Lodge, to the effect that the Lodge issuing the receipt is a lawfully constituted Lodge of Master Masons, working under the Jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its re-

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port in printed form; received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

At a fit time the Exemplification of the Standard Work took place.

The Colorado proposition for a collegium of Grand Lecturers was non concurred in.

The Association of Past Grand Masters held its accustomed meeting Feb. 1906. After the banquet, Bro. Samuel R. Peters was chosen to membership.

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The Report on Correspondence is from the hand of a skillful workman—Past Grand Master Wm. M. Shaver.

He deals kindly with Alabama 1904, according her nearly four full pages. He says:

"We have a new Grand Representative in the person of R. W. Samuel W. Tate, the Master of a live Lodge of 113 members at Anniston, and we were pleased to note his presence."

Again he says:

"In an excellent address the Grand Master, M. W. Robert J. Redden, of Sulligent, who was completing his second year in the Grand East, well sustained his reputation as an able chief."

In which opinion we heartily concur.

Brother Shaver will please accept the writer's sincere thanks for complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence. Noting our comment on the appointment of a representative of the O. E. S. on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home (8 Grand Lodge appointees and 1 O. E. S. appointee) in which we had said that, if we had a right to urge anything against such an arrangement, it would be this only, viz: that the Home would not be under exclusive Masonic control, he says:

"While not under exclusive Masonic control, yet eight members out of nine certainly makes it *practically exclusive*;" (Hold on, Brother. Under certain circumstances one woman is equal, nay, even superior to eight or nine men). "and we remark in passing, that if they ever get a Masonic Home in Alabama, they will be glad to accept the generous and valuable assistance of

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the ladies of the O. E. S., and incidentally we might add that they could now secure some valuable volunteers for their educational campaign from the O. E. S."

Seriously, our admiration of those noble, philanthropic women is no less than is that of our genial contemporary, but we merely contended that a Masonic Committee or Board should consist of Masons alone.

Alluding to the Kansas manner of conferring the Master Mason Degree in *standard dramatic form with full costumes and accessories*, we had ventured to remark that not so thought such brethren as those who met in "the Lodge room over Simpkins' store." Brother Shaver cleverly comes back at us in the following:

"Masonry does not need 'stage paraphernalia and spectacular show' to impress its lessons—that is resultant from the sublimity of its truths and the simplicity of its ritual. *We prefer the dignified simplicity,* (italics ours here), "but on the other hand many minds enjoy paraphernalia and accessories, and they do not destroy the lessons sought to be impressed."

"So far as the 'Lodge room over Simpkins' store,' we have been there and helped labor in the Masonic quarries, and thoroughly enjoyed it too, but all the same we worked just as hard to get into more palatial quarters which symbolized a little better the magnificence of King Solomon's Temple, and—no Simpkins' Store Lodge room for us as *first-choice*."

A comparison which we all must make, if we are honest about it.

We have marked several passages in Brother Shaver's report for notice, but must desist.

Bro. Thomas L. Bond, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Albert K. Wilson, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

105TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER 1905.

Bro. Roland H. C. Rhea, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Lodges on roll, 495; members, 26,992; net gain, 1,576.

Total receipts, \$27,248.82. Paid Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, \$27,193.75.

The portrait of Grand Master R. H. C. Rhea appears twice in this volume, doubtless through inadvertence in the printing office.

A goodly number—19—of Past Grand Masters attended the Communication under review.

The Grand Master's address was not long (less than eleven pages) but fully covered the ground of his administration. We extract the following paragraph from his exordium :

"Time has no Past, neither has it any Future, but only an eternal, everlasting present. The Past has disappeared as silently as the shadow of a spirit, the Future never arrives: the eternal, everlasting present is ours. Therefore if we have any great work to perform; if we would assist in making the world brighter and better, and in making our fellow-creatures wiser and happier; if we would carry into effect the grand principles and truths of Freeemasonry; let us do so now, for tomorrow may be too late."

The Grand Master fitly commemorated the the and character of the late Past Grand Master James D. Landrum.

He submitted no decisions, but emphasized the law requiring payment of Grand Lodge dues, by the 1st of October, each year.

He construed Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution to the following effect:

"A profane whose petition has been rejected, as provided in Art. ix, Sec. 4, cannot be again balloted for unless he petitions anew, or the former petition is presented by his consent, and referred to a committee, laid over one lunar month before balloting. The same rule applies in petitions for membership. An objection operates precisely as an unfavorable ballot, and the same rule applies."

During the year he had granted nine dispensations for new Lodges to work; and had issued 36 special dispensations—all within the limits of his proper authority.

He had arrested the charters of two Lodges, in which action he was undoubtedly justifiable.

His visitations were not so numerous as he had hoped to make them, but those made were highly satisfactory.

In view of the spread of clandestine Masonry, he recommended that Grand Lodge pass a law requiring documentary evidence as to regularity —legitimacy, to be presented by parties seeking admission to Lodges as visitors. He also suggested some regulation with penalty attached, holding Masters and Secretaries of Lodges responsible for sending disqualified beneficiaries to the Home, animadverting upon remissions in this regard.

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home being now "upon a sure and solid basis, with a sufficient endowment Fund, and

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assessment to supply its wants for all time," he makes a strong appeal in behalf of the Old Masons' home.

He warmly commended Grand Secretary, H. B. Grant, as "efficient, courteous, zealous, attentive, and above all, accurate, other Grand jurisdictions may have his equal, but not his superior." Without a doubt, well merited praise this.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Oct. 1, 1905, stood \$25,000.41.

The annual report of Grand Secretary H. B. Grant fully bears out the Grand Master's commendation of that R. W.: Grand Officer.

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., charters were granted to seven such Lodges, and three were continued under dispensation another year.

On recommendation of the same committee the old charter and No. of Middleburg Lodge No. 476 were granted to Middlesburg Lodge U. D. "In 1900 Middlesburg Lodge (476) surrendered its charter because the title which it held to a hall was found defective, and the owner insisted on surrender of the property. Having no place to meet, the Lodge paid all obligations to this Grand Lodge, surrendered its charter, jewels and other property, including about \$90.00 in money, and its members affiliated with the neighboring Lodges. Now that they have a place to meet in at the home town, they have been working under a dispensation, and ask for the old charter and seal, having paid all demands and acted well their part as members of the Craft."

Evidently the membership of Middlesburg Lodge is made of the right sort of material. Success to it!

The report of the Board of Trustees of "The Masonic" presented an array of figures which must have been of great interest to the Brethren. The Board has received, including balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, Oct 15, 1904, to the amount of \$2,402.67, a total of \$27,840.68. Paid out \$27,634.82, leaving balance, Oct. 11, 1905, \$156.36. The Board exhibited receipts and expenditures in detail, accounting for every cent of the funds placed in its hands. But we omit said details. The first of the ten \$3,500 00 notes given to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans-Home, had been taken up.

By persistent effort of the Board all the vacant offices in the "Masonic" had been rented to desirable tenants, so that the rev-

enue for the coming year will be (estimated) \$23,000.00 instead of \$19,669.58; the revenue of last year.

The Committee on Appeals made a short report which was adopted.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was adopted, having under consideration the Grand Master's construction of Art. ix, Sec. 4, of the Constitution, endorsed the same with some slight modification, so as to read as follows:

"A profane, whose petition has been rejected, as in Art. ix, Sec. 4 of the Constitution, cannot again be balloted for, unless he petitions anew and then only after a lapse of twelve months, the petition shall also be referred to a committee, and shall not be balloted on until one lunar month shall have elapsed. The same rule applies in a petition for membership, except that the brother may again present his petition after the expiration of three months. An objection operates precisely as an unfavorable ballot, and the same rule applies."

On the matter of a proposed requirement that a visitor to a Lodge shall produce documentary proof of his Masonic standing before being admitted, the committee, "while recognizing the soundness of the position of the Grand Master, yet hesitates to adopt it, but prefers to report the matter back to Grand Lodge for discussion and action."

The Grand Master's dispensations and his arrest of Lodge charters were approved, and said charters were revoked.

In the report of Committee on Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home we find evidence of splendid condition of the Home, also the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That whenever the Board of Directors shall represent to the Grand Master that a subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction has knowingly misrepresented the age or financial condition of any applicant to the Home, it shall be his duty to arrest the charter of said Lodge, and cause it to be cited to appear at the next session to show cause why the charter should not be revoked."

The Committee on Necrology made an eloquent and touching report, especially placing on record the high character and sterling worth of the lately deceased Past Grand Master James D. Landrum. The report was adopted.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged by wire with the Grand Lodge of Ohio, then in session.

The excellent report of the Finance Committee, which was

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adopted, contained an earnest recommendation that the large amount of money lying idle in the treasury be put to work drawing interest, thus gradually lessening the amount of interest Grand Lodge was paying on the \$250,000.00 debt. As soon as practicable, one of the notes due by Grand Lodge to the Home should be paid, so as to stop the interest on that amount. The committee was very happy that ere long the interest in the Masonic would be a paying one.

The Special Committee on Old Masons' Home recommended "that a special effort be made, in behalf of said Home, in every Lodge in the jurisdiction, on the 24th June, 1906, and that meantime the Grand Master address an urgent letter on the subject to each Lodge in the jurisdiction. Adopted.

October 1, 1905, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$25,000.41.

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The "Review of Foreign affairs" is submitted by Past Grand Master Wm. W. Clarke, Reviewer, in a report embraced by 98 pages. It is an excellent summary or synopsis of all the "Proceedings" which had come to hand.

Alabama—1904 receives courteous and fraternal attention nearly a page long. He says the address of Grand Master Redden "is an admirable paper, dealing in a straightforward, business-like way with the affairs of his jurisdiction."

The two decisions of the Grand Master, which, to Brother Clarke, "seem a little out of line," are as he surmises, conformable to the laws of the Alabama Jurisdiction.

Our Brother is pleased to term the writer's report on Correspondence "an exhaustive and entertaining document," Thanks, Brother.

Brother Clarke pertinently says:

It seems never to occur to some that it is the duty of the Grand Master to indicate and uphold the law—not to break it."

In his conclusion our good Brother says:

"We have the greatest admiration for those who have excelled us in this field of labor; we profoundly commiserate those who have not done so well."

As for the writer, he has not yet found any of the Guild who

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stood in need of "commiseration" in respect of their work—unless it be his humble self.

Bro. Clarke's report will amply repay perusal.

Bro. James Garnett, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. H. B. Grant, R. W. Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

94TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1906.

No. of Lodges, 179—125 represented. Membership, 9,651.

Bro. L. P. Delahoussaye, M. W. Grand Master.

At the assembling of Grand Lodge, six Past Grand Masters were present, also Representatives of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions. Our envoy was not reported as present.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Delahoussaye fully sustains the high reputation achieved by his previous performance of like character. He tenderly and eloquently mentioned the departed Brothers.

It is a real pleasure to learn from his address how bravely and successfully our Louisiana Brethren, in the fever stricken districts of their State, encountered and mitigated the dire effects of visitation by the "Yellow Scourge." These men are true Masons.

Hardly less gratifying is it to know that the Grand Master of Louisiana is not one of those who believe that a Grand Master may, of inherent right, ride rough-shod over the organic law and edicts of Grand Lodge.

His account of his official acts including official visits, makes good reading.

He submitted no decisions.

He strongly recommended, "that hereafter whenever a Lodge U. D., received its charter, no brother be permitted to sign said charter unless he can produce his dimit from the Lodge of which he is a member. This rule to be absolute." He further said:

"I strongly recommend that hereafter a brother elected to office, before his installation, shall submit to an examination, as to his knowledge of the laws of this Grand Lodge and his proficiency in Lodge work. I believe, if this recommendation is adopted, it will secure greater efficiency, result in larger attend-

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ance at the meetings, and raise the standing of the Lodge to a much higher standard of usefulness, and acquaint the brethren with a better understanding of the philosophy, teachings and principles of the Order."

Again, he "strongly" recommended an appropriation of not less than \$250.00 to the "relief of the co religionists of Russia of our Jewish brethren." On this matter the report of the committee was recommitted.

In view of the menacing growth of clandestine Masonry in these United States he believed Grand Lodge should adopt some drastic measures for the protection of the Lodges, as had been done by many Grand Lodges, from the presence and intrusion of impostors. He suggested adoption of a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, as follows:

"Resolved, That hereafter no Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from any Lodge outside of this Jurisdiction, unless a Master Mason, known as such in the Lodge, shall have personally vouched for the visitor as a Master Mason, and also vouched for his good standing; or unless the visitor, after strict examination, shall have proved himself to be a Master Mason: Provided, that no such visitor shall be examined until he furnishes to the Master of the Lodge, or to the Committee on Examination appointed by him, some documentary evidence, such as a diploma, certificate under the seal of the Lodge, receipt for dues under the seal of the Lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, or written endorsement by a Grand Master, showing that he was in good standing within twelve months of the date on which he presents himself for examination."

"And provided further, that a brother hailing from a Jurisdiction which has adopted a card, certificate, or other special document, shall be required to produce such document before being examined."

In this connection, it may not be amiss to intimate that "documentary evidence" may be easily forged. We are not, however, recalcitrant as to this matter.

The Grand Master strongly recommended increase of Grand Secretary Lambert's salary, showing that considerable increase of that faithful and efficient officer's pay was justly due him. Good!

December 31, 1905, the Grand Treasurer had on hand balance amounting to \$4,626.29, also Widows' and Orphans' Home Funds \$175.20, and Widows' and Orphans' Benevolent Relief Fund, \$1,674.02.

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We glean from Grand Secretary Lambert's business like report, that receipts during 1905 were \$27,675.44; expenditures, \$24,519.88. Seven charters had been issued, and one duplicate charter granted, the original lost by fire. Also twelve dispensations had been granted for new Lodges. Eleven Lodges U. D. had made returns, paid all dues, returned their dispensations, and applied for charters.

R. W. Bro. L. C. Allen had received his commission as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

"The Masonic Cemetery is now in first class order and a credit to the Fraternity."

"Louisiana Relief Lodge" had disbursed by warrants \$1,100.15. Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$520.15.

The Grand Lecturer made encouraging report.

The Balance Sheet of the Committee on Audit and Accounts, shows the "net worth of Grand Lodge" to be \$168,775.05.

The finances of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana are now in excellent shape—the last bond in the Temple debt has been taken up, and Grand Lodge is practically out of debt, and can exercise Heaven-born charity "with freedom, fervency and zeal." With pleasure we note that this Grand Body is just as well as generous, for, in praiseworthy and delicate manner, it made a present of \$1,000.00 to R. W. Grand Secretary Richard Lambert—an eminently proper thing to do. Also, on recommendation of the Committee on Audit and Accounts, Grand Lodge increased the Grand Secretary's salary to \$2,500.00 per annum. On recommendation of the same committee the sum of \$2,000.00, which was placed at the command of the Grand Master, last year, for the relief of worthy distressed brothers, their widows and orphans, their mothers and daughters, was raised to \$3,500.00 for this year. The appropriation for the Grand Lecturers was increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,600.00 a year.

By resolution the sum of \$500.00, last year donated to Louisiana Relief Lodge, was raised to \$750.00.

The Committee on the State of the Order concurred with the Grand Master that the time had not arrived when a Home was desirable or needed. The committee thought the time auspicious for adding yearly to the special relief fund until it should be not less than \$50,000.00, so that, if a Home should be required, the money for building the same would be available.

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The committee added pertinent suggestions. However, a substitute for the report was adopted with an accepted amendment, the purport of which was a resolution that every year \$8,000.00 of Grand Lodge's revenues be appropriated as a Masonic Relief Fund, the Grand Master to have authority to use \$2,500.00, each year, for relief of aged and indigent Master Masons and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, under proper regulations and restrictions, and the unused remainder to be invested, by the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, in interest-bearing securities, and carried for account of a permanent relief fund until principal and interest shall reach \$50,000.00, when Grand Lodge shall permanently invest said fund as shall appear to be best for the Craft. The amendment provides that any or all donations or subscriptions given for the establishment of a Home shall, principal and interest thereof, be religiously set aside for that object and devoted to the same.

The Committee on Plan for Masonic Relief made a lengthy report, with a number of resolutions attached. The report was laid over for future consideration, except that two of said resolutions which were referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts, were reported upon unfavorably by the latter committee, whose report was adopted.

These resolutions related to the disposition of the revenues derived from the Temple after payment of its running expenses, and to disposition of the surplus from the general fund of Grand Lodge.

Committee on Jurisprudence made report, recommending at its conclusion that the ruling, made in 1875, and acted upon by Grand Lodge, construing Section 14, Article 111, of the Grand Lodge Regulations, to mean that after one year's dues have accrued and become payable, no action can be taken upon said indebtedness by the Lodge against the delinquent brother until another entire year has elapsed, be reconsidered and rescinded, and that the said Section be taken to mean and express in the letter thereof that, as soon as dues for one year have accrued and are due, and not paid when so due, the Lodge may proceed against the brother as in arrears in accordance with the provisions of said section. Adopted.

The fitting report of the Committee on Necrology was adopted and ordered printed.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported adversely upon the

recommendation of the Grand Master that outside visitors to the Lodge be required to produce documentary evidence of good standing, such as diploma, certificate or receipt for dues under seal of the Lodge, &c. Adopted. The committee thought the recommendation had so much of the odor of commercialism about it that it read more like the testimonial of a business agent than the test of recognition of a brother Mason.

Our Representative (newly commissioned) was present on the Second Day, and with 47 other Representatives, was appropriately welcomed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence—a review of the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, (To our regret, Alabama is not included in his list of Grand Bodies received. "Uncle Sam" must be at fault therefor, because our excellent Grand Secretary, Bro. Geo. A. Beauchamp, never forgets anything,) is the work of R. W. The Rev. Bro. Herman Cope Duncan, as usual. Brother Duncan is easily one of the foremost reviewers of the Guild. If drawn into controversy, he is "a foeman worthy" of any writer's "steel"—pen.

The Grand Master of Arkansas had intimated that the man who lives up to certain requirements, is all that a good citizen, a true husband, an ideal man or an upright Mason can be, said requirements being "the circumscribing of our desires, the subjugation of our passions, the building of ourselves into square and virtuous lives: the living with our fellow-men as brothers, taking as our motto that golden rule, to do to others as we would be done by, and that older law given from Sinai's mountain which commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves."

Brother Duncan, thereupon, comments thus:

"It may be worth while to ask attention to the fact that the all-wise Grand Architect never gave the seal of his approbation to the statement that the fulfillment of duty to one's neighbor could be substituted for duty to God. Unless we are greatly mistaken, a man that was shown to know a good deal of the mind of God, once said that even if he should give all of his goods to feed the poor and had not love of that sort which is more abiding, more above sublunary things than even faith and hope, he was nothing at all."

Still it seems to us that the going to the relief of others who may be in need or distress, forms a large part of religion. It is

the outgrowth of love to God and obedience to His will, and develops that love, and is the means of generating the same. Every really charitable word, thought and deed puts one in a better frame of mind and heart.

Under California he well characterizes the Grand Master's remarks concerning "*Politics and Political Methods in Grand Lodge*," as "exceedingly proper."

He quotes, under the same jurisdiction, from the Grand Secretary's report the following upon the burial service used in California: "When the Lodge has arrived at the grave, the Master at the head, the Senior Warden at the foot, and the Junior Warden on the left between the Master and Senior Warden, the Master reads or recites the funeral service until he reaches the point where the acacia is to be dropped. He then steps to the left to a position even with the shoulder of the body, and facing the grave says, as he presses within his right hand, the acacia to his left breast: 'We cherish his memory here;' then as he points upward with the acacia, he says, 'we command his spirit to God;' then, as he drops the acacia into the grave, he says, 'we consign his body to the grave.'" Brother Duncan says:

"The ceremony is essentially different from the Louisiana practice. We follow the old Manitou. Personally we may be permitted to express our preference for the California ceremony. The Public Grand Honors, as we give them, are very ungainly and frequently very inconvenient, as it is necessary, before giving them, for every man to put his hat on the ground, that he may use both hands in the performance of the so-called honors. As above said, personally, we think the California ceremony much more convenient, prettier and expressive."

Lack of space precludes further notice of this fine report, except to commend what our Brother says in reference to the new Grand Body of Queensland, which is as follows:

"Before taking any definite action, we recommend that a delay be granted in the expectation that freedom will be granted to the brethren of the English and Scotch Constitutions to discuss this question so that we may learn whether or not the Lodges of those Constitutions indeed opposed the formation of the Grand Lodge. We trust that there may be free and full discussion, and that results may be reached by united action on the part of all the Lodges of the Province."

Bro. L. C. Allen, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Richard Lambert, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

MAINE—87TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—May, 1906.

(This volume of proceedings and those of North and South Dakota—all for 1906—have reached us since our package of reports has been completed, but the Grand Secretary kindly writes that the printer will get them in, and he himself will see to their having their proper place in the published list of the Grand Lodges reported on. New Hampshire is now the only American Grand Lodge missing.)

Of course our review of these volumes must be a hasty one, since a number of Grand Chapter proceedings are "in waiting." Now to proceed with Maine:

Working Lodges, all making returns in time, 202. Members, 25,889; net increase, 582; raised during the year, 1,218. Grand Lodge receipts \$10,262.91; disbursements, \$7,479.82. Amount of Charity Fund, \$46,643.94.

Bro. Hugh R. Chaplin, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

187 Charter Lodges were represented. Eight Past Grand Masters were present, with thirty-two other Permanent Members. We are pleased to note that Bro. Gustavus H. Cargill (P.J.G.W.), Alabama's envoy, was present with 43 other Representatives—a goodly number.

In the Grand Master's excellent address he presents, under the heading, Divisions, the following, which is thought deserving of careful consideration:

Those questions have arisen which I have thought ought to be submitted to you without any ruling, because no great harm be occasioned by the delay, and because I believe their importance is such that your decision in regard to them should not, in any way, be affected by any decision of mine."

"Standing Regulation No. 15 reads as follows:"

"One Lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another Lodge, unless the requesting Lodge waives jurisdiction and the other Lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees."

"1st. Does that Standing Regulation debar a Lodge in this State from conferring the degrees for a Lodge in another Jurisdiction on request made through the proper channels?"

"2d. With that Standing Regulation in force, ought the Grand Master to, for a Lodge in this State, request a Lodge in another Jurisdiction, the law of which is the opposite of said regulation, to confer the degrees upon a candidate of a Lodge in this State?"

"3d. Can a Mason, whether an E. A., F. C., or M. M., be

tried by a Lodge for an offense alleged to have been committed before he was made a Mason?"

To the first question his own answer would be "Yes." The second he would answer "No."

As to the third question, the Grand Master says that in 1867 it was answered "No," but the Jurisprudence Committee that year intimated that, had, the brother stated in his application that he knew of no moral reason why he should not be made a Mason, he might be dealt with, because the Lodge would be induced to make a compact with him, i. e. to make him a Mason by fraud, and because of that fraud the Lodge might break that compact."

"In the applications of to-day the candidate says that he knows of no physical, legal or moral reason why he should not be made a Mason."

"My own opinion is that the question should still be answered "No." What does a candidate know about the physical, legal or moral reasons which should debar him from being made a Mason?"

He had answered these questions that he might not appear to shirk a responsibility if an opinion was due from his office.

He had, more than once, had occasion to make the following statement:

"The Grand Lodge of Maine holds that a Lodge which assists a Mason has no claim for reimbursement upon any other Lodge, including the Lodge of which the brother who was assisted belongs, unless the Lodge against which the claim is made promised before the assistance was given to reimburse the Lodge which rendered the assistance."

He clearly and forcibly indicated the attitude of his Grand Lodge in this regard.

The Committee on Jurisprudence requested and was granted further time to consider and report upon the Grand Master's decisions.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$9,876.58.

The District Deputies made full and complete reports of their respective labors. Those faithful officers are very highly commended.

The reports of the various committees were accepted and their recommendations adopted.

It was deemed inexpedient to set apart the anniversary of

Benjamin Franklin's birthday, because, in the well expressed report of Brother Chase:

"The introduction of the observance of the noted day of the early patriots distinguished alike for their manhood, ability and Masonic standing, if followed along the lines suggested, would cause us to have a succession of days to be set apart and celebrated as memorial days."

Maine declines to participate in the scheme of a "Collegium of Grand Lecturers."

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the Grand Master was authorized to draw his order upon the Grand Treasurer for a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers from the earthquake and great fire of April last.

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Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase continues to wield the pen reportorial with the skill of a veteran, and with keen discrimination in his many and sometimes long selections from the Proceedings reviewed. Alabama-1905 received fraternal and courteous notice, covering three pages and a half.

A few of the decisions of the Grand Master, with one by the Deputy Grand Master, acting in the absence of his superior officer, are quoted with brief comment, and Acting Grand Master Jacobs' conclusion is, approvingly we infer, extracted.

Brother Chase notes from the report of our Law Committee that a member cannot dimitt if by his so doing the Lodge will be reduced below the required number.

Well, the Lodge, granting a dimitt in such case, would actually commit suicide. We apprehend that such an instance would be found to be rare in the extreme. Moreover, if for a considerable time any Lodge remains so small that the departure of a single member would reduce it below the legal number, it deserved to die.

Our Brother of Maine will please rest assured that his remarks personal to the writer are highly appreciated.

Under Colorado he quotes a decision of the Grand Master the purport of which is that the report of an investigating committee must disclose the names of the members of said committee. Brother Chase says in reference thereto:

"We cannot fully agree with the construction of the Grand

Master in decision 2. We believe under the law as quoted by him that it is within the power of the W. M., when the report comes before the Lodge to read the report and to state the fact "signed by all the committee" or otherwise state the fact without giving any names. The signatures at the end of the reports are not to be considered as any part of the report itself."

Referring to a decision of the Grand Master in Delaware, he says:

"He decided that a candidate 'with one leg being shorter than the other, which caused him to limp when walking,' was ineligible for the degrees. We think that if the candidate was able to comply with the esoteric work the decision was wrong."

So thinks the writer. If otherwise qualified, and able to receive and impart the work, he is eligible in Alabama.

Under Florida he says:

"A brother introduced a preamble and resolution relative to the Shrine, and it was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported that it was not a Masonic body.

"We think that the Grand Master ought to have ruled out the proposition when it was first made, for the same reason, viz: that it was not a Masonic organization and consequently the Grand Lodge of Masons had nothing to consider. A Grand Lodge goes plenty far enough when it discusses propositions which treat of Royal Arch Masonry, Knight Templarism, The Eastern Star, without taking up other organizations which, even if composed of Masons have not the slightest connection with Masonry. If Grand Lodges would labor for the advancement of the teachings and the practice of the teachings of Craft Masonry and allow the governing bodies of other organizations, Masonic or otherwise, to manage their matters in the same way, then Freemasonry might escape many of the perils which at times assail it "

Under West Virginia he trusts that the "prerogative" of making Masons at sight will now lie dormant in that Jurisdiction, the Grand Master having just manufactured one. But this review must close without doing anything like justice to Brother Chase.

Bro. Charles F. Johnson, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.
Bro. Stephen Berry, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

81ST ANNUAL—WINNIPEG—June, 1906.

Bro. Wm. G. Scott, M.: W.: Grand Master.

During the year four special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones—one of a church, one of a hospital and two of public school buildings.

Chartered Lodges, 80; Lodges, U. D., 6; Membership, 4,410; Net decrease, 376. The fact of decrease instead of increase is due to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, which took away 1,053 members from the Manitoba membership.

At the Grand Annual Communication there were present, with the Grand Officers and a quorum of members, seven Past Grand Masters together with a number of other Past Grand Officers, as well as Representatives of 29 Sister Grand Lodges—Alabama not "in it."

M.: W.: Bro. J. A. Messervey, P. G. M., of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edwards Island, was a distinguished visitor at Grand Lodge.

In his address the Grand Master grows eloquent over the material wealth of "this garden spot of the world"—Manitoba. He declares that their "vast prairies are rapidly being brought under cultivation, and will in a few years produce sufficient food to supply the millions of Europe. He says:

"Masonry is keeping pace with the advancement of the country, as at no time in the history of our Grand Lodge have we enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, no strife or ill-will has been engendered among the brethren, harmony and good will prevail throughout the Jurisdiction. On every hand there are promises of increased growth. Our ranks are being augmented by the addition of worthy men from every vocation in life. As Freemasons we have cause for great gratitude for our present position."

He submitted no decisions. He had the pleasure of being present at the Grand Lodge of Alberta and installed the officers of that new Grand Lodge."

The following does himself and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba great honor, and cements fraternal union of the two Grand Lodges:

"I would recommend that our official recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta and that she be extended a hearty welcome into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, I would also recom-

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mend that the question of finances be taken into consideration at this Annual Communication. Our Grand Lodge has now a handsome surplus in its treasury, the result of careful management on the part of those who have administered the financial department from year to year. All the Lodges have been contributing annually to this fund, in the form of fees and dues. Our brethren in the new province have done their full share towards the inauguration of this fund, and I would recommend that we deal not only justly but generously with our offspring as they go out from the parental roof."

Recognition was later extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. But we fail to find Finance Committee's report on Grand Master's recommendation that part of Grand Lodge funds be given.

The Grand Master had issued dispensations for eleven new Lodges.

He praised the liberality, enterprise and good taste of the Brethren at Moose Jaw, whose Hall he dedicated 26th Feb. The building was erected at a cost of \$26,000.00, and the property is owned entirely by the Masons of Moose Jaw.

On receipt of news of the great San Francisco disaster, the Grand Lodge of California was asked if aid would be accepted. The reply came that money enough was in hand to supply immediate wants, but should need be at any time the fact would be made known. Sympathy was extended, but if it should be required sympathy would be "shown in a practical way."

The "Freemason's Hospital at Morden" is a monument to the humanity and zeal of our Manitoba Brethren.

"The hospital was opened in 1893, and since that time 3,500 patients have been admitted—an aggregate of 40,000 days of treatment. In 1893 the value of the property was \$19,500.00. Now it is worth \$30,000.00. Mortgage reduced to \$1,500.00. No other indebtedness."

He recommended earnest action to secure further contributions to the "Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund." He said:

"Stately structures and æsthetic decoration of Lodge rooms are very good in their way. Social gatherings are to be, by no means, overlooked; but, as Masons, the great and blessed principle of Charity has a paramount claim upon our sympathies and finances. It would greatly strengthen Lodge life and Masonic prestige if our balance sheets could demonstrate more often than they do that our professions and practices were properly squared."

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The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$8,123.27. Investment account \$10,250 00.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that conformable to previous order charters had been issued to ten Lodges.

We note in the Librarian's report receipt of Masonic Manual of Alabama. Our Manitoba Brethren are well "to the front" in Masonry. Charters were granted to 9 Lodges U. D.

The Investment Account (\$10,500.00) was allotted to the Aged and Indigent Mason's Fund.

Bro. John McKechnie, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Jas. A. Ovas (P. G. M.) R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

119TH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1905.

Bro. Thos. J. Shryock, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

It is always agreeable to take up for review the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. True our Maryland Brethren manifest respect for the M.'. W.'. Grand Master in quite a conspicuous way, but what of that? No harm is done thereby. On the other hand, there is in consequence perhaps an added dignity and a preservative of decorum resulting therefrom.

By our count, the number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Maryland is 107. On page 217 the number of Master Masons in the Jurisdiction is shown to be 11,057—a net gain of 764.

On opening this volume the pleasant face of Bro. James R. Brewer, R.'. W.'. Deputy Grand Master, welcomes us to the entertainment these proceedings afford.

The Semi-Annual was held on Tuesday, May 9, 1905. At this meeting the financial report of the Grand Secretary was received, also the report of the Grand Treasurer.

During the period extending from Nov. 1, 1904, to April 30, 1905, the Grand Secretary had received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$21,741.78. Also, on bills payable there had been received from the Third National Bank \$11,500 00.

"The sum of \$3,250.00 has been contributed by the Chamber of Commerce, the firm of Hammond & Snyder, and the Third National Bank toward the Grand Charity Fund, which was paid to the treasurer of that fund."

It is not surprising that the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce,

that bank, and the other firm before mentioned made a handsome donation to the Masonic Charity Fund, when it is recalled that after the great fire of Feb. 6th and 7th, 1904, while it was exceedingly difficult for these institutions to secure suitable quarters (their own, having been consumed) to transact their business, the Grand Lodge, through Grand Master Shryock, nobly came to their relief and installed them for the time being in office in the Masonic Temple—that too at a reasonable rate, while property owners all around them were charging enormous rents for temporary occupancy of their buildings.

The Grand Treasurer's balance April 30, 1905, was \$1,545.83.

In his brief oral address the Grand Master made a recommendation which we heartily applaud. The Grand Tyler had resigned on account of long continued illness, after many years of service; but Grand Master Shryock recommended that he be elected Grand Tyler Emeritus, with salary for life.

It is a pleasure to note that later said recommendation was adopted, and said salary was fixed at \$500.00 per annum, payable monthly.

The Grand Master had not rendered any formal decision during the six months past, all inquiries having been answered by reference to the law pertaining thereto.

The Committee on Grievances reported no business. Good!

Board of Grand Inspectors for city of Baltimore made a roseate, semi-annual report. Said the Board:

"We have made 42 visitations and are thereby entitled to report that we find all the Lodges in excellent shape and well provided with work." * * * * "The progress of our Fraternity continues very favorably, the records show considerable advance and the Craft to be in excellent form."

The Lodge of Relief had, during the six months, disbursed in charity \$644.50, and held a balance of \$281.38.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1905, occurred a notable event—the laying of the corner-stone of the building for the "Maryland Institute for the Promotion of Mechanic Art," by M. W. Grand Master Thomas Shryock, assisted by the other Grand Officers.

The addresses on that occasion, by His Excellency the Governor of Maryland, Bro. Edwin Warfield, and Dr. Dan'l C. Gilman, Pres. Emeritus of Johns-Hopkins University, were replete with valuable instruction and information.

As was to be expected, in the election of Grand Officers,

Grand Master Shryock was re-elected M.: W.: Grand Master. On this, "the twentieth anniversary of his election as Grand Master of Masons of Maryland," a poem of six stanzas was read, and ordered published with the proceedings. We have no fears that M.: W.: Bro. Shryock's head will be turned by the fulsome adulation of those verses.

The roster of membership in this Jurisdiction takes up 121 pages of the printed proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (120 p. p.) reviewing the proceedings of 55 domestic Grand Lodges, and 12 "From Beyond the Seas," is the joint work of Edward F. Schultz and Bro. James E. Greene (P. J. G. W.), Brother Schultz reviewing the domestic and Brother Green the foreign bodies.

Bro. Greene concisely and judiciously reviews the proceedings of twelve foreign jurisdictions.

Under New South Wales, he hopes that Bro. Shortland's recommendation, that W. M.s be asked to draw the attention of members to the reports on Correspondence, as in no other way can they gain so good an idea of the condition of Freemasonry, will be followed.

Under New Zealand, he thinks "the addresses of the Grand Master and the utterances of the other member in debate, &c., will compare favorably with reported proceedings of any Grand Lodge in the world."

We concur.

He says:

"Queensland has now become and will for some time be a storm centre; but we believe its new Grand Lodge will eventually be recognized as the supreme Masonic authority of the colony.'

Whosoever a majority of the Queensland Brethren unite in this movement we will surely bid them godspeed; but we don't believe in taxation or domination without representation.

With unimpaired vigor, sustained grace of diction and unfailing courtesy, R.: W.: Brother Edward T. Schultz presents his nineteenth annual report on Correspondence. Alabama 1904 receives fraternal treatment. He concurs with Grand Master Robt. J. Redden in the latter's decision concerning jurisdiction

over material rejected in two or more Lodges. It will be remembered that our law committee did not agree with the Grand Master that when a candidate has been rejected by two Lodges, in case he applies to a third Lodge the consent of the first Lodge must be obtained; but the committee was of the opinion that before the third Lodge could act on the petition the consent of both the 1st and 2d Lodge must be secured.

For Brother Schultz's kind commendation of the Alabama report on Correspondence we are very grateful. As we have heretofore intimated, his approval is high praise. He says:

"Brother Titcomb does not concur with the Grand Master of Missouri, nor do we, that if a church does proper to lay a cornerstone on Sunday, a Lodge has the same privilege."

It is an encouragement to us to find ourselves in agreement with Brother Schultz on many points of opinion.

Under Iowa he says:

"From a ruling of the Grand Master submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence we learn that a Brother who has dimitted less than a year can be admitted to membership in a Lodge by a two-thirds vote of those present, but if he has been dimitted over a year it requires four negative votes to reject him."

Brother Schuitz then says:

"We are clearly and decidedly of the opinion that according to ancient law and usage a Brother who has lost his Lodge membership rights and privileges, no matter from what cause, can only regain them by the unanimous consent of all the Brethren present at the time his affiliation was acted on."

Bro. Thos. J. Shryock, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Wm. M. Isaac, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We find on our table three pamphlets embracing the records of proceedings at the March, June and September Quarterly Communication, 1905; also at six Special Communications—one held on March 14, 1905, two in June—6th and 10th, and one in each of the months, September, October and November, same year.

At the Quarterly, March 8, 1905, a memorial on the life of the late R.'. W.'. Brother Andrew Coolidge Stone was presented,

accepted by a rising vote, and ordered to be spread upon the Records.

Also resolutions as to admission of visitors to Lodges, amending Section 23, Miscellaneous Regulations, so as to read as follows:

"Section 23. Except upon a duly authorized public occasion no visitor shall be admitted into a tyed Lodge unless he complies with one of the following conditions:

"1. Being vouched for in writing by a Brother present, who, if not a member shall be himself vouched for at the time by a member of the Lodge, and who shall, if required, state in writing when and where he sat with the visitor in open Lodge."

"2. Producing a certificate or diploma of a regular Grand Lodge, and passing a satisfactory examination. A certificate under seal of the Secretary of a regular Lodge may be accepted in lieu of the Grand Lodge certificate, but the acceptance of such a certificate, or of a Grand Lodge certificate dated more than three years before the date of the visit, shall be at the discretion of the Master of the Lodge visited."

"Every Lodge shall keep and preserve a record of visitors in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master for the time being."

The Commissioners of Trials made three reports, which were accepted and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

A handsome portrait of Past Grand Master, His Majesty King Edward VII of England, was presented to Grand Lodge by Bro. Thos. Clark to whom it had been sent by friends in England. Unanimously accepted with thanks.

On recommendation of a committee appointed to report upon the subject, Grand Lodge declined "to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland.

At the instance of the same committee, fraternal recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

The Special Communication of March 14, 1905, was held for the purpose of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Amicable Lodge at Cambridge, Mass. At this meeting a very instructive and interesting historical address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Brother, The Rev. Charles A. Skinner; also there was an impromptu oration by Grand Chaplain, Brother Edward S. Horton. Recalling some of Brother Horton's former addresses, we regret that his speech on this occasion was not reduced to writing, so that we might enjoy its perusal.

The Centennial of Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn, was celebrated June 10, 1905, at a Special Communication held for that purpose. The historical address then delivered by Recording Grand Secretary, Brother Sereno D. Nickerson was filled full with exceedingly interesting matter.

At the June Quarterly was presented a memorial on the death of R. W. Brother Ivory H. Pope. A rising vote accepted the same and ordered it spread upon the records.

At the same meeting Grand Lodge, on recommendation of the Board of Directors, appropriated \$500 00 to the Paul Revere Memorial Association, to aid in the purchase of the Revere homestead.

"The Recording Grand Secretary stated that a communication had been received from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama announcing the recommendation of the Grand Master of the State that the Lodges under their jurisdictions assemble on the seventeenth day of January, 1903, being the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and by appropriate exercises commemorate the character and services of that world-renowned patriot, philosopher and Freemason. The Grand Master of Alabama also expressed a wish that other Grand Lodges would consider the expediency of making Franklin's Birthday a National Masonic Memorial Day."

"In view of the fact that Franklin was born in Boston, that he received some of his earliest instruction and authority from our first Provincial Grand Master, and is reported in our Records as present in Lodge and Grand Lodge, it would seem specially incumbent upon this Grand Lodge to make fitting observance of the coming anniversary."

"The Grand Secretary thereupon suggested that it might be well to consider the expediency of the proposed celebration."

The records so far fail, however, to show that any action was taken upon said suggestion.

The Special Communication of September 26th was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a federal building in the city of Marblehead

The October 11th Special was held to dedicate the new Masonic apartments in the town of Attleboro.

At the November Special the corner-stone of a federal building, in the town of Amesbury, was laid after the manner of Masons.

Bro. Baalis Sanford, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, R. W. Grand Secretary.

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QUARTERLY, DEC. 13TH AND STATED, DEC. 27TH, 1905, BEING
ITS 172D ANNIVERSARY.

Number of Lodges in Massachusetts, 232; In foreign lands, 6.
Number of affiliated members, Aug. 31, 1905, 43,415—Gain,
1,700.

Bro. Baalis Sanford, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

For excellence in typographical execution, the Massachusetts
volume of proceedings continues to stand at the front.

In the opening sentences of the annual address, the Grand
Master said:

"As I have visited officially many Lodges in various parts of
the State, I have been impressed with the earnestness, the har-
mony and the generous aspirations which characterize the Free-
Masons of Massachusetts. Not only are the fundamental tenets
of brotherly love, relief and truth inculcated and practiced, but
the influence of Masonic principles is everywhere manifest in
genial courtesy and in conservative progress and growth."

Under Necrology we learn that two Permanent Members of
Grand Lodge had died during the year—R.'. W.'. Bro Andrew
Coolidge Stone and R.'. W.'. Bro. Ivory Haney Pope, and that
the records show seven hundred ninety-four deaths among the
Brethren of the jurisdiction during the same period.

The Grand Master's many visitations seem to have been of a
most pleasant character, and, doubtless, productive of much
good.

Several Special Communications had been held for celebration
of centennial anniversaries, laying corner-stones, &c., all of
which were inspiring to the Brethren assembled.

An invaluable piece of painstaking and patient work has been
accomplished in the following: The Records of the Grand Lodge
have been arranged and printed, including the period extending
from 1733 to 1792, and a second volume embracing the records
from 1792 to 1815 is already in the hands of the printer, and will
soon be ready for distribution; so that now there is full assurance
of the Grand Lodge's possessing, at an early day, its complete
records, in book form from the date of its organization up to the
present time.

Among the bequests noted by the Grand Master is one coming
from the estate of Wm. H. Williams deceased, by whose will

Grand Lodge is made residuary legatee to hold said bequest till the amount of the fund reaches the figures \$200,000.00, "and then to establish The Williams Masonic Home." This legacy to the Grand Lodge, so the executor of the will informed the Grand Master, will amount to nearly \$125,000.00. (Wish we had a "Wm. H. Williams" in Alabama.)

Grand Master Sanford puts the total of the Charity Funds, with net increase during 1905, as the goodly sum of \$249,642.33.

The Grand Treasurer's receipts footed up \$85,233.33; payments, \$83,541.21, leaving in his hands cash amounting to \$2,652.12. The assessed value of the Temple, corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, Boston, increased \$100,000.00 last year, is \$1,150,000.00. Total insurance \$493,700.00.

The Stated Communication, held Dec. 27, 1905, was for the purpose of installing the officers, and celebrating the Feast of St. John the Evangelist

The addresses made on the latter occasion are a never failing source of pleasure to the reader.

Wonder if these speeches will lose any of their piquancy and force when wine shall be banished from the banquet table.

Bro. John Albert Blake, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, (P. G. M.) Recording Gr. Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

62ND ANNUAL—GRAND RAPIDS—MAY, 1906.

Bro. John Rawson, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

This somewhat ponderous, but handsomely executed volume presents us on its first page, the portrait of Bro. Chas. L. Stevens, Grand Master-elect. As usual, we note here the number of Lodges and membership. Number of active Lodges, January 1, 1906, 399. Members, 53,795—net gain, 1,924.—384 Lodges were represented at this Communication. 15 Past Grand Masters were on hand, and also 39 Grand Representatives, Alabama's included. It is noted that Bro. John Rawson holds the commission from Alabama vice Brother Thos. Reardon deceased, whose portrait, together with those of four P. G. M.'s and the P. G. C.'s deceased, adorns memorial pages.

Bro. H. A. Thomas, Representative near Grand Lodge of New York, being present, was received with the "private Grand

Honors." After which he addressed Grand Lodge, detailing transactions of said Grand Lodge at last communication.

From Grand Master Rawson's Address we learn that, during the year, he had constituted seven Lodges, and installed their officers, and had granted his dispensation for formation of seven new Lodges. Thirteen Temples, or Lodge Halls, had been dedicated with due ceremony.

Two corner-stones had been laid—one for a federal building, the other for a Presbyterian church. In respect of the latter, the Grand Master intimated that previously the Master of a Lodge had asked if he would grant a dispensation to allow those Presbyterian friends to occupy the Lodge room Sundays, pending the completion of their new church. To which he replied as follows:

"I see no good reason why the Presbyterian Congregational Church Society should not be allowed the use of your Lodge room for church purposes, provided no objections are made by members of your Lodge. As is well known by every Masonic brother, it will not be the first time that praises have been sung to the glory of the Most High, neither will it be the first time that prayers have been offered invoking the blessings of Deity in a Masonic Lodge room. Our Order is teaching the great doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and I believe it is our duty to assist others in their efforts to better mankind." Hence invitation to lay corner-stone.

The Grand Master had issued several special dispensations, only two of these to waive time in degree work. He had denied a number of petitions for waiver of time in acting on petitions for the degrees.

Under the head Relief, the Grand Master acquaints us with his action in wiring to the Grand Master of California to draw on the Michigan Grand Treasurer for \$1,000 00 to aid the sufferers from the San Francisco earthquake and conflagration last April. To his circular sent out the Masonic Lodges of Michigan nobly responded with contributions aggregating \$3,962 00.

He severely animadverts upon electioneering methods. Good! Much interesting matter in this report will have to pass unnoticed, since so many volumes await attention.

The Grand Master's eighteen decisions reported seem to be good law.

No. 16 presents a very plain case, which should not be overlooked by any Master, since disregard or neglect of the require-

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ment ought to lead to impeachment. The following is the case, substantially, and the decision thereon:

Petition is received and referred to a committee which reports favorably. "The W. M. vouches for the proficiency of the candidate, orders the ballot, which is passed and the candidate rejected. What is the status of the candidate?" "Answer—The W. M. erred in vouching for the proficiency of the candidate. An examination in open Lodge must precede the ballot. The candidate must make a new application, be examined in open Lodge and the ballot again spread."

Grand Treasurer had balance on hand at date of communication \$13,465.23. In addition he had in his possession, and belonging to Grand Lodge, securities to the amount of \$28,000.00.

Grand Secretary Winsor's report is painstaking and complete.

Custodians of the Work favored the scheme of a "Collegium of Grand Lecturers."

Notice received by the Grand Secretary from New Mexico that the system of Grand Representatives had been abandoned by that Grand Lodge. Also communication from Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, suggesting general observance of the 200th Anniversary of Grand Lodge of England, in 1917—St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th. The plan suggested would be easier of attainment than Brother Warnette's proposition to go to London.

Grand Lecturer Frank T. Lodge presented his report in detail, including valuable suggestions. He had held forty-three well attended Lodges of Instruction during the year. An Appendix is added, giving the Lodge Secretaries some important hints for the perfecting of their reports to Grand Lodge, as well as for keeping Lodge records. Later two reports—majority and minority—were submitted by Special Committee on Grand Lecturer's recommendations, and, on motion, the minority report from said committee, approving the Grand Lecturer's recommendations, was adopted.

The several reports of the Board of Control, the Superintendent and Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Masonic Home, together with a transcript of the proceedings of the Board, were presented, making a fine showing for that noble Charity. The total of beneficiaries, December 1st, 1905, was 51. The expenditures for the year amounted to \$9,372 26. Per capita, weekly cost of maintenance, \$3 60. The total of all funds on hand

this time is \$4,810.50. The total receipts during the nine years of the Home's existence, were \$79,156.91, and total disbursements for same period, \$74,346.41.

On recommendation of the Correspondence Committee, recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, organized, with the knowledge and consent of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, on October 12, 1905.

On the evening of the First Day, Memorial Services were held in honor of departed Brethren. Touching and eloquent addresses were made on this occasion by several Past Grand Masters and others.

The Committee on Finance said, the Grand Treasurer, at close of this meeting, would have cash in hand about \$7,000.00.

The Jurisprudence Committee heartily recommended adoption of the Grand Master's decisions as showing "a thorough familiarity with Masonic law and keen discrimination in its application. Adopted.

In regard to the bi centenary celebration, of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1917, the same committee recommended that no action be taken at this time. Adopted.

As to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Colorado with reference to the proposed "Collegium of Grand Secretaries," the committee reported as follows:

"The work in the several Grand Jurisdictions is not uniform, and inasmuch as the Grand Lecturers have no power to make changes in the ritual, your committee can see no reason why the proposed action should be taken, and recommend that the same be disapproved."

A very sensible view to take of the matter.

The committee also condemned the use, in constituent Lodges, of any key other than that supplied by Grand Lodge in pursuance of law, or the copying of that key or any portion of it, for any use whatever, as illegal, and recommended the discipline of all violators thereof. Adopted.

In regard to the information that should be required of a brother, desirous of visiting a Lodge, before he is permitted to enter said Lodge, the committee had this to say:

"It is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to require any information which seems to him necessary or proper from any brother desiring to visit his Lodge, before he is admitted into the Lodge. The amount and kind of information

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necessary for the case rests in the sound discretion and good judgment of the Worshipful Master whenever the brother asks leave to visit his Lodge, and no visiting brother should be admitted, unless the Worshipful Master is thoroughly satisfied that he is a member, in good standing, of a Masonic Lodge either working under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of some Grand Lodge working in relations of amity with this Grand Lodge."

Adopted.

So non-affiliates are absolutely shut out when seeking admission as visitors. This has always been the writer's view of the subject. Perhaps the danger of imposition may be minimized by requiring "documentary evidence;" but such, by clever hands, might be forged or surreptitiously secured.

The R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain presented an excellent report from the Committee on Obituary, which was adopted. The committee beautifully illustrates the universal law of change; and informs us that 804 Michigan Masons have, during the year, faced the great change which consummates immortality.

Next Grand Annual will be at Bay City.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary, Brother Lon B. Winsor, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his third annual report, in which he has reviewed the proceedings of sixty-nine Grand Lodges (six, for 2 years). Brother Winsor uses the scissors freely, but his selections, without exception, are very judicious. He does not indulge to any extent in comment; but, doubtless, that is due to the strictures of his Grand Jurisdiction upon the "M. A. S." If our Brother would let some of his opinions out, it would, no doubt, be with honor to himself, and profit to the rest of us. Alabama 1905 is well summarized. The writer thanks Brother Winsor for the compliment of an extract from the Alabama Correspondence Report.

Bro. Charles S. Stevens, M. W. Grand Master.
Bro. Lon B. Winsor, R. W. Grand Secretary.

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53D ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—JANUARY 1906.

Bro. Henry M. Tusler, M.: W.: Grand Master.

A portrait of Grand Master H. M. Tusler graces the first page of this volume.

At this Communication all the Grand Officers were present, save one—the Grand Marshal; also seventeen permanent members including eleven Past Grand Masters, were on hand. Three hundred eighty representatives of two hundred twenty one Lodges were at their posts.

The No. of active chartered Lodges is two hundred forty-one. Present membership is 21,056, making net gain 765.

Representatives of forty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including Past Grand Master, Alonzo Brandenburg for Alabama, were reported present.

In his address, Grand Master Tusler made the following agreeable announcement:

"The most pleasant and fraternal relations exist between this and all other regular Grand Jurisdictions, and nothing of a serious nature has arisen to prevent peace and harmony within our own borders."

He had granted dispensations for five new Lodges, and had, agreeable to recommendation of the last year's Committee on Lodges U. D., continued the dispensation previously issued to one Lodge U. D.

Two charters had been surrendered and two Lodges had been consolidated. He had received forty-three requests for authority to confer degrees on more than five candidates at one and the same time, and for such purpose had granted dispensations to thirteen Lodges named. He had issued quite a number of dispensations for other purposes; but had refused all requests for dispensations to receive petitions for the degrees from persons physically disqualified. He had also refused several other requests which should not have been made.

The Grand Master reported six decisions, all of which command our assent, except one—that which declares the "General Auditor of a Brewing Co," if he has no vote in the management of the concern, not ineligible for the degrees.

The duties of such an officer are, by keeping its accounts correct, to facilitate—promote a business the object of which is to

furnish "liquid damnation" to the thirsty multitude. If a clerk in a hotel which keeps a "bar," is not eligible, why should this Auditor be a fit subject for the degrees?

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all of the six decisions, and Grand Lodge concurred.

The Grand Master laid the corner-stone of the new Carnegie Library building at Grand Rapids, but very properly refused to lay the corner-stone of a church at Owatona on Sunday.

He called attention to the needs of the District Deputy System. Eighty-two Lodges were unrepresented. Poor Lodges, not wishing to be inspected, and unwilling to pay the expense of the Deputy's visitation, failed to be benefited.

Two Lodge Halls had been dedicated during the year.

Grand Master Tusler made nearly one hundred official visits during his term of office.

If all Grand Masters could emulate this example, much good would result.

The finances of Grand Lodge must be in good shape for the Grand Treasurer's balance, Jan. 17, 1908, was the sum of \$15,296.54. This sum, with certain certificates of deposit, makes total in General Fund \$19,296.54. The total in Widows' and Orphans' Fund is \$34,993.36, making a grand total of \$54,289.90.

In addition to his regular duties, Grand Secretary Thos. Montgomery has bravely and industriously tackled the tedious and painstaking job of preparing a Grand Lodge Register and Index. When brought up to date, it will be a reference book of rare value to the Minnesota Fraternity.

During the evening of the First Day, the Master Mason Degree was exemplified in a highly satisfactory manner.

The Grand Orator "delivered an excellent oration, which was listened to attentively and heartily received at the close." The impression it makes on us is, that it evinces fine command of language, considerable research, and a vivid imagination.

On recommendation of a special committee appointed to consider and report upon plans looking to the establishment of a Home, resolutions to that effect were adopted by a vote of 347 in favor, to 267 against.

Under said resolutions the incoming Grand Master is to appoint a committee of twelve whose duty it shall be to organize and perfect a corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, having for its object the accumulation of a fund and the

erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home in the jurisdiction, "Provided, That in addition to this Grand Lodge, the following organizations shall, if practicable, be represented on said committee, viz:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar; the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, all of Minnesota."

Why didn't they add the Shriners?

Doubtless some lady, or ladies of the O. E. S. might be placed on said committee of twelve. With our limited vision, we fail to see the propriety of the Grand Master's appointing any but Masons on a Masonic committee.

A further proviso is, "that such Home shall not be built until at least one hundred thousand dollars shall be secured, at least fifty thousand dollars of which shall be reserved as a permanent endowment fund."

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., Charters were granted to six such Lodges.

The Committee on District Deputies recommended that all District Deputies who have in good faith attended Grand Lodge as members thereof, be allowed mileage and per diem.

Adopted.

From the report of the Committee on Returns, it is learned that forty-one Lodges had overpaid their dues.—Carelessness somewhere. Committee styled Brother Montgomery's compilation of Returns, "superb."

During the week immediately preceding Grand Lodge the Board of Custodians had held eighteen sessions, reviewing the Work and Lectures, and instructing the Brethren present. 186 Master Masons were on hand, representing 103 Lodges. Report of the Board concurred in.

Two committees—Finance and Appropriations—recommended transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Adopted.

This double-barreled recommendation emphasized, perhaps, the prevalent spirit of benevolence. At all events said transfer does our Minnesota Brethren honor.

The Masonic Veteran Association had, in its Fourteenth Annual Reunion, a very interesting meeting.

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That the report on Foreign Correspondence as presented by Brother Irving Todd, Chairman of the Committee, is a work of marked ability, goes without saying. We wish we had the power of expressing so much as Bro. Todd does, in so few words.

Alabama-1904, receives courteous attention; our proceedings are judiciously summarized, and the writer is kindly noticed. Bro. Todd ably epitomizes our views on twenty different topics. Referring to the opinion expressed by us, that in teaching the candidate how to wear his apron, the instruction should be—E. A., flap up; F. C., flap down; M. M., flap down and left hand corner tucked up, he says :

"As to wearing the apron, Alabama and Minnesota are in accord with a majority of the American Grand Lodges in their teachings, although originally, the writer believes it was the fellow craft who wore his with the corner turned up. There is a tradition that the change occurred in the printing of a monitor years ago, when by accident plates of the second and third degrees were transposed, and rather than throw the edition away they were allowed to stand as authority. This is not given as history, for we have no time to verify the statement and have forgotten its source. The final instruction that for convenience, &c., always seemed to us as rank nonsense."

Well, dear Brother, pardon us for intimating that under any rules of evidence, said "tradition" would be thrown out of court.

Referring to that epitome of the writer's views, Brother Todd says:

"In much of the above we heartily concur."

It gives the writer distinct satisfaction to find that Bro. Todd and himself entertain like views on many subjects.

As to the quality of Brother Todd's reports, we would say with Bro. Aldro Jenks of Wisconsin :

"If we were to offer a criticism, it would be that he seldom or never comments concerning any of the questions presented."

Bro. Thomas Morris, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas Montgomery, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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88TH ANNUAL—BROOKHAVEN—FEBRUARY 1906.

**Bro. Thos. B. Franklin, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.
Total Lodges, 305; members, 18,252; net gain, 1,008.**

This volume is enriched by portraits of Grand Master elect. Chas. H. Blum, Past Grand Master Andrew H. Bailey, and Brother Isaac C. May; also by a view of the John Logan Power monument.

At the Annual Grand Communication all the Grand Officers occupied their several places. Fifteen Past Grand Officers, including nine Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were also present. Among the latter we are pleased to see the name of our own envoy, M.'. W.'. Frank Burkitt.

In the exordium of his address the Grand Master paid the following tribute to Masonry:

"When the dark wings of pestilence hovered over our stricken land, fearlessly Masonry walked in its midst, a ministering angel. Almost wherever human speech is uttered, there lives Masonry. It bows its knee before no sectarian altar; it gives its sanction to no dogma and no creed. Shining in the Heaven of Masonry is that one Guiding Star, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

"Here Jew and Gentile meet,
With brighter thoughts above,
To lay at His dear feet,
The offering of their love."

"Here meet the prince and the peasant, the king and the vassal; here "Rests the shepherd's crook beside the sceptre." To do good, is the brightest jewel in the diadem of our Order. To be generous is our first command. We are taught to lift the bowed head of suffering humanity, and to give the wine of comfort to the unfortunate, the penniless and the poor. We are taught to exult in every triumph of right over wrong, to strengthen by our sympathy every generous impulse, and to do all the good we can. We are taught to sing the Iliad of the future, the Iliad of love instead of hate, the Iliad of peace instead of war; the Iliad of humanity in which each Lodge shall form a choir, and each Mason intone a canticle. To dry a woman's tears, to hush an orphan's cry, to paint a rainbow in a human heart; Masonry teaches us, is a nobler victory than ever clustered about the eagle of the Caesars."

In eloquent terms he announced the death of Past Grand

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Master, Andrew Hannah Barkley, Isaac Tobias Hart, John W. Stephenson and Franklin P. Jenkins, all of his own jurisdiction, also the demise of illustrious Brethren of other jurisdictions. He had issued quite a large number of dispensations for various purposes—some of them for waiving time in conferring degrees, but had refused several of the last named kind, holding the reasons for granting the same inadequate. These grantings and refusals were approved.

He called attention to the District of Columbia regulations as to the admission of visitors to the Lodges—"documentary evidence"—and suggested that the advisability of similar action be taken into consideration. He reported no decisions.

The Deputy Grand Master reported his official acts as acting Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, giving a good account of his doings while wielding the gavel of authority.

The reports of the District Deputies are, most of them, very brief, but generally give good account of existing conditions.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, covering 36 pages. This report shows how immensely valuable to Grand Lodge is a first-class Grand Secretary. By the way, if Secretaries of Lodges would take pains to send in promptly their returns made out correctly, no doubt Grand Secretary Frederic Speed would greatly appreciate the consequent exemption of a large amount of unnecessary work and trouble on his part.

We give the Grand Secretary's "Recapitulation" as follows: "Feb. 1, 1906, Balance General Fund, \$11,913.49; Balance W. & O. Home Fund, \$26,788.17; Balance Franklin Home Fund, \$3,566.50; Balance Relief Fund, \$853.57; Balance Charity Fund, \$269.30—Total, \$43,370.53."

"The following resolution submitted with the Correspondence Report, was on motion, adopted:"

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognize the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, over which Brother Idris Bey Ragheb is Grand Master, and extend to it a hearty welcome into the family of Grand Lodges, and will, if requested to do so, exchange representatives with it."

The Grand Lecturer reported that according to the statute he had held a four days meeting of the District Deputies for the purpose of rehearsing the work and lectures. Twenty-two of the thirty Deputies attended this "pleasant, harmonious and

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profitable meeting." He had held twenty-six Lodges of Instruction. He thought the increase last year from 12 to 30 District Deputies had proved beneficial, and he suggested continuance of the same, at least another year.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund reported said fund as amounting to \$52,918 17.

The Committee of thirty appointed to raise contributions to said fund, had been prevented by the yellow pestilence from prosecuting their labors during the summer. The committee had, however, raised a considerable amount.

Pursuant to instructions, this committee had invited propositions to sell Grand Lodge a site for the Home. Only one proposition had been made; that was presented by the citizens of West Point, Mississippi.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, stringent rules were adopted to require Lodges to make their returns according to the prescribed regulations on the penalty of losing representation on the floor of the Grand Lodge.

After somewhat extended consideration of the subject the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it Resolved, by this Grand Lodge, That the elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Home be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and ordered to, within six months from the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, select a location, within the State, for the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and that said Trustees, towit: Brothers John Y. Murray, W. A. Roane, O. L. McKay, T. O. Franklin and T. U. Sisson, be and are hereby ordered and directed by this Grand Lodge to immediately proceed to advertise for bids for the location of said Home, and that the said Trustees be and they are hereby directed and ordered to either purchase such property as they see fit and proper, or purchase a lot or parcel of land and build the Home, as in their wisdom and judgment they deem to be to the best interests of the Grand Lodge, and that the Home be absolutely located within the said six months, and at as early date within said time as the said Trustees may deem practical."

Our Mississippi Brothers are determined to have a Home, upon which and upon their good prospect for accomplishing such laudable undertaking, we heartily congratulate them.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Subordinate Lodges, charters were granted to seven new Lodges and dispensations were ordered for organization of three Lodges U. D.

We have given so much space to P. G. M. Frederic Speed's

presentation of the report on Correspondence that we must practically ignore the very able (11 pages) report of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, which committee Bro. Marcombe, of Iowa, calls "the balance wheel" of the Grand Lodge system; merely remarking that a perusal of said report has impressed us with its soundness.

On recommendation of Special Committee on Relief, a total \$650 was appropriated to the aid of beneficiaries named in the list with the specific amount for each one.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was adopted by a standing vote.

Next Annual will be held at Natchez, the third Tuesday in February, 1907. That will at its close be the 38th time the City has enjoyed the honor of entertaining the Grand Lodge.

Four Emergent Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

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The report on Foreign Correspondence is in part the incomplete report of the lamented Bro. Andrew Hannah Barkley, but mainly the production of Grand Secretary, Bro. Frederic Speed. The report is prefaced with a memorial of Brother Barkley, by the Grand Secretary. It is a noble tribute to a noble man.

Brother Speed reviews with a Master hand. To our regret, Alabama failed to reach his table.

The paper is crisp and concise, presenting points of general interest only, with choice extracts from addresses and reports. We refer to it in general terms alone, save to intimate that our Brother, in the following, put his opinion in a strong light:

Brother Jenks combats the Mississippi decision that a Lodge cannot be legally opened in the absence of its charter, which he thinks "illogical and absurd as it would be to say that the acts of a notary are void if he did not have his commission in his pocket at the time of signing a legal document." We have heretofore met with the same objection from others and answered it, but as the matter is of practical importance in the working of Lodges, we have asked Brother Speed to review this portion of this report, and the following are his views which we commend to Brother Jenks and others of his way of thinking:

"We all know and no one pretends anything to the contrary that the written paper which we call a charter, is not the au-

thority, in itself, under which the Lodge is created; and is but evidence of the action of the Grand Lodge in granting its authority to work as a Lodge. The charter is not a fetish that we must bow down to and worship, and there is no special sanctity in the mere piece of paper or parchment, whichever it may be; that is not the point at all. The trouble with many Masons is, that they will keep on insisting that Masonry shall conform to the fraternities which exist around it and they are continually reasoning that this, that and the other thing in Masonry is all wrong, because somewhere else things are done in a different manner. Now it was thought expedient to require that the Holy Bible should lie open upon the altar of every Lodge and that upon it should be placed the square and compass, and in the absence of these things, the Lodge could not be opened. There is no more reason in requiring the Great Lights to be in position, than there is that the Master should wear his hat, nevertheless, that is a Masonic usage which is never violated. And so, it was thought expedient, perhaps, in former times, when written evidence was more highly esteemed than it is now, that evidence of the authority of the Lodge to meet, should be present in the Lodge room before it is opened. It is only one of those precautions which Masonry everywhere thinks expedient to exercise and it is idle to urge that, because it is not the usage with other fraternities, which have sprung up in later years, our rule requiring the charter to be present, is absurd, for they are not a pattern for us to follow. The United States Government requires every one pursuing certain occupations, to have a license in order to transact business, and to place that license in a public place where it can be seen by all beholders. Now no one pretends that the paper itself has any virtue; it is only evidence that the tax has been paid, and if it were to be destroyed, it would cut no figure, when an indictment for unlawfully pursuing a calling or business, requiring a license is found, for the collector's books would be original and the highest evidence of the fact that the tax has been paid, and yet the great government of the United States has thought best to require that the license shall be exhibited wherever the business is carried on. It may be true, as Brother Jenks says, that a Notary Public is not required to have his commission in his pocket at the time of signing an official document, but it is nevertheless true that he must have such a document, and, in some States, it is required that he must exhibit it publicly in the place where his business is carried on. From the earliest times, Masonic Bodies have been required, as a mere precautionary measure, perhaps, to have their charters present, and although the right, if it ever was one, of demanding, by a visitor, an exhibition of the charter, is not so highly esteemed as formerly, still for a very long time, and even now, to some extent, many Masons would not sit in a strange Lodge without previously inspecting the charter, and this is not altogether peculiar to Masonry, for, in nearly every fraternity,

the charter is framed and placed upon the wall of the room in which its bodies meet. The reason for the law frequently passes away but the law survives. We do not, however, believe that the reason for this has entirely passed away, for it strikes us that there is something else besides the inspection of the charter by casual visitors that requires its presence. Respect for the charter means respect for the source from which it emanates and it teaches the necessity for complying with the law, and in yielding obedience to rightful authority and, therefore, when the Grand Lodge suspends the labors of a Lodge, it is at the utmost pains to secure the paper evidence of the authority of the Lodge to meet, or, in other words, it takes up its charter. A Lodge is defined in nearly every monitor from the earliest to the present time, to be "a certain number of Masons duly assembled, having the Bible, Square and Compasses, with a charter or warrant empowering them to work," and we hold that without either of these, it is no Lodge. The visible presence of the charter is as essential as that of the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses. The argument which removes the charter is equally applicable to the Great Lights and if one is absent the others may be taken away also, and a legal Lodge remain. When we begin the work of demolition, where will it end? We may be a little old-fashioned here in Mississippi, but we believe that the old ways are quite as good as the new ways, and nothing is to be gained by wandering out of the beaten track, even in matters which seem to be of but little importance."

For lack of space, we omit much of this report, which is well worth copying.

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85TH ANNUAL—ST. LOUIS—SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Bro. Leroy B. Valliant, M.W. Grand Master.

No. of Lodges 500—Members 40,983—Gain 2,585.

All but one of these 500 Lodges reporting, had paid up dues in full.

A portrait of the M.W. Grand Master graces the first page of this volume. Grand Master, Leroy B. Valliant was born in Alabama, raised in Mississippi and has lived the rest of his life, so far spent, in St. Louis, Missouri. He is one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

The Grand Master's address merits much more than the passing notice we can give it. In respect of purity of diction and elevation of thought, it is exceptionally fine. Conspicuous is its

devotion to the principles of Masonry. His announcement of the death of the lamented Vincil is a noble tribute to a noble man.

Under Grand Master Valliant's administration, seven Lodges had been formed U. D., ten corner-stones had been laid, and seventeen Charters had been restored.

Charters bearing the signature of the late Grand Secretary, John D. Vincil, had been sent to ten new Lodges, under previous order of Grand Lodge. A record of which our Missouri Brethren may be justly proud.

The Grand Master submitted forty-three decisions which bear the impress of a judicial mind, and which convey to the reader the same, a sense of firm vindication of Masonic law, and earnest purpose to deal justly with every one.

No doubt decision 24 is conformable to Masonic law. It reads as follows:

"24. A Mason, with a dimit more than one year old, is entitled to but one right as a Mason, that is, to petition for affiliation. On affiliation he becomes a Mason in good standing."

It seems to us that a non-affiliate, in good standing otherwise, could have the right to visit a Lodge once, according to Landark Fifteenth—Mackey's Jurisprudence, p. 30.

Taken as a whole this address of Grand Master Valliant is an exceedingly able one, which we wish our readers could see for themselves. To make a few extracts here and there would signally fail to do the author justice; still to give our readers a short sample of his line of thought, we venture to note, almost at random, the following passage:

"Masonry is of Divine origin in the sense that it comes as an inspiration in response to an aspiration of the Divine spirit of man, crying for a bond of union founded on no other principle than the Brotherhood of Man. Brotherhood is necessarily founded on a common fatherhood, therefore the Brotherhood of Man is founded on the Fatherhood of God. But Masonry undertakes to deal not with a man's relation to his God, it requires of him in that respect only a belief in the one living and true Father of all, and it leaves him to adjust his relations in that respect as his own enlightened conscience may dictate; it recognizes that that subject is beyond its jurisdiction, but it takes into its fold the man himself and guides and directs him in his relations with his brother man. There are those who believe that when a man, through the simple teachings of Masonry, learns to look on his fellow man as his brother indeed, and to

trust him in accordance with the principles contained in the Masonic points of fellowship, he has a religion that will meet the approval of the Father of man, whether it meets the test of ecclesiasticism or not."

"I do not know whether St. James was a Mason or not, and if I knew that he was, I would be reluctant at this late day to accuse him of wilfully betraying Masonic secrets, but when he wrote this: 'Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world,' (James 1:27) he came very near exposing the whole moral and religious platform of Freemasonry. Except as a proof of its Divine origin, and except to trace in all ages where it has left its mark, its good work in the elevation of man, the antiquity of the Order is not of first importance. But when we review its work in the remote past when the conditions were very different from those which surround us today the question comes to our minds, conceding the usefulness of the Order when man was burdened with the yoke of tyranny, what is its use now since in those countries of Europe where it exists to any great extent, man is no longer a slave, and especially since in this free land of ours every man is the equal of every other man."

And, at some length, Grand Master Valliant elucidates the answer to that question, showing that the remedy for existing evils "in recognition, in fact as in theory of the Masonic principle—the Brotherhood of man."

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that "A large number of special dispensations were issued by order of the Grand Master for various purposes, such as special election of officers, laying of corner-stones, moving into new halls, balloting on rejected petitions, and dedication of halls."

"The amount due the Masonic Home, for Grand Lodge dues, 1905, exceeds that of any former year, amounting, Sept. 21, 1905, to \$19,571.50."

Grand Treasurer's recapitulation shows total receipts \$75,852.83, and after all disbursements, balance on hand \$48,878.58.

The Committee on Address of Grand Master manifested enlightened appreciation of that masterly production, and joined Grand Master Valliant in admiration of those two departed worthies, Past Grand Masters John D. Vincil and Thos. E. Garrett, also in his merited tribute to R. W. Brother Allan McDowell.

M. W. Brother Valliant's dispensations were all approved. On recommendation of the Committee on Recognition of For-

eign Grand Lodges, fraternal relations were established with the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico; but as to the Grand Lodge "Benito Juarez," Mex., and the Grand Orient of Brazil, lacking information regarding the same, the committee made no recommendation.

M. W. Brother R. E. Anderson presented his report on Correspondence, and it was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

On the afternoon of the First Day, as a special order, Memorial Services were held in honor of departed Brethren—notably Bros. Vincil and Garrett—and the report of the Committee on Necrology was received and adopted by unanimous rising vote.

At a suitable juncture, the Work was exemplified under the direction of R. W. Grand Lecturer, Allan McDowell.

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances takes up thirteen and one-half pages of this volume, and is without doubt, an able and impartial presentation of the subjects considered. However, a perusal of one of the cases reported on by the committee—a case in which the accused was a member of the State Senate in Jan. 1901, charged with the offense of corruptly using his position for a large money consideration to defeat a bill which was before the Senate, impresses us with the idea that the committee and the Grand Lodge were entirely too lenient toward the officers and members of a certain Lodge, who had persistently refused to obey the orders of the Grand Lodge—the penalty imposed being merely a reprimand. The charter of said Lodge should have been arrested, in our opinion.

The entire report of the committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on District Deputies' report, which report was adopted, while especially commending the report from the Twenty-First District, "would not in any manner detract from the several commendable reports received, which show conclusively zealous and painstaking work on the part of the Deputies, and as a whole your committee conclude that the several reports show progress along all lines of Masonry."

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., charters were granted to six such Lodges, and one was continued U. D., as it had not made the required showing.

The address of the Grand Orator was on the theme of "The Power of Freemasonry." A hasty glance at it gives us no cause to find fault with the same.

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The Grand Lecturer made an extended report—a trifle over nine pages—reviewing the reports of the District Lecturers (or rather giving an abstract thereof). In course of his observations, he said: "The Craft in Missouri are in a healthy condition as to work, finances, and the general observance and practice of the principles of Freemasonry."

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the decisions of the Grand Master were adopted.

The Committee on Boards of Relief made report showing valuable work in charity done during the year.

Next Annual will be held at Kansas City.

In the report of the President of the Masonic Home, M. W. Bro. Noah M. Givan, we find the following:

"A reading of the report of the Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee will impress every one with the prosperous condition of the Home financially. The endowment is securely invested and is bringing a fair income. The Old People's building is being constructed, and will be completed during the present year. It will be a credit and an ornament to the property and, being a fire proof building, will relieve the management of great anxiety in regard to the safety of the members of our Home family."

The conclusion of this report shows that Past Grand Master Givan is a real believer in the oversight and guidance of the S. A. O. T. U. It is as follows:

"I submit this report with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His continued watchful care over the affairs of this great enterprise. We owe everything to His guidance and direction."

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The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by Past Grand Master, Rufus E. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee, and covered 333 pages of the "Proceedings." It is a careful and discriminating synopsis of the transactions of Domestic and Foreign Grand Lodges, full of information for the attentive reader.

Alabama 1904, receives kindly notice, for which we extend grateful acknowledgment.

Brother Anderson will prove a valuable member of the Guild.

Bro. A. S. Houston, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. John R. Parson, R. W. Grand Secretary.

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41ST ANNUAL—BUTTE—SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Bro. Lew. L. Calloway, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Number of active Chartered Lodges, 53. Total membership in 1905, 4,229. Gain over last returns, 214.

The comely features of Grand Master Calloway grace one of the initial pages of this volume; also portraits of two departed Worthies—P. G. M. Wilbur F. Sanders, and P. J. G. W. Brother Jas. E. Calloway—appear herein.

Two Special Communications were held during the year—one, to lay the corner-stone of a church; the other, to conduct the funeral services of Past Grand Master Wilbur Fisk Sanders—"Colonel Sanders"—"known of all men."

At the Forty-first Annual Communication, all the Grand Officers were present except the Junior Grand Deacon; also eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-five Jurisdictions, Alabama included, were on hand.

It must have been gratifying to Bro. Cornelius Hedges to again report, before the opening ceremony, that all the Lodges had made returns and paid their dues.

The annual address of the Grand Master makes it manifest that he had earned the plaudit "well done," &c.

Under the head "Necrology," he paid eloquent and feeling tribute to the many virtues of the late Past Grand Master Wilbur F. Sanders, and Past Junior Grand Warden James E. Calloway.

Two corner stones had been laid—one for a new Masonic Temple at Kalispell, the other for a church in the city of Sheridan. Two Lodges had been constituted.

Under the head, "Dispensations," for reasons which he considered ample, he had granted a dispensation to — Lodge No. —, to ballot upon the petition of a brother for affiliation within the prescribed time. He had refused to permit a certain Lodge "to march in procession on Memorial Day, under ruling of Grand Lodge that a Lodge cannot appear in a parade on a public occasion except for the performance of some proper Masonic service." He had refused to allow a Lodge to go to church in regalia. The Code provides that no Lodge shall hold a Communication on the Sabbath day for any purpose except to attend

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the funeral of a brother, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master. He recommended that Grand Lodge formulate a rule of action on this subject.

He had granted a dispensation for the organization of a Lodge U. D. He considered the petitioners men of the right sort, but owing to certain unavoidable conditions, recommended that said Lodge be continued U. D. until next Annual.

Of his eight decisions submitted, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 were approved. No. 7 in regard to a fraternal controversy between two Lodges, he referred, without recommendation, to Committee on Appeals. No. 5 was not adopted. It was as follows:

"5. A Lodge has not perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material. Where an applicant for the degrees has been rejected but once, after the expiration of one year from the date of his rejection he may apply to another Lodge for the degrees, provided he has gained a residence within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he last applied."

The Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Lodge disapproved the foregoing decision No. 5.

We think the decision right, provided the "Lodge to which he last applies" is required to seek information as to the applicant's previous rejection.

The Grand Master's suggestions concerning Masonic Duties were most appropriate, and should have found lodgment in the hearts of his hearers, and, no doubt did.

The Grand Master's civil duties prevented his making many visitations, but those he did make left most pleasing impressions.

The Junior Grand Warden made written report of his work during the year, and his report was referred to the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address.

That model Grand Secretary, Bro. Cornelius Hedges, (P G. M.) asks of Grand Lodge nothing unreasonable; therefore his request for needful office fixtures will, no doubt, be complied with.

A glance at the report of the Grand Treasurer discloses the fact that the Grand Lodge assets in the shape of loans foot up the amount of \$28,123.64. Total cash and loan assets of the Anchord Fund amount to \$9,891.48. Balance in General Fund \$8,416.70. Amount on hand Grand Lodge Charity Fund \$2,173.10.

The Grand Secretary announced that his report on Correspondence was in print, ready for distribution.

The Grand Master announced that Butte Lodge (22) would exemplify the Work on the evening of the Second Day.

The Committee on Masonic Home, unable at present to report a location for the Home, recommended continuance of the committee with present powers.

Adopted.

Jurisprudence Committee recommended the prohibition of irregular work, also of the holding of a Communication on the Sabbath day for any purpose except to attend the funeral of a Brother Master Mason.

Adopted.

The Grand Master's dispensations were approved on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Law Committee disapproved the Grand Master's recommendation that visitors to subordinate Lodges shall be provided with "certain certificates fortifying the usual evidences of their Masonic character and standing," amendatory of "existing law on the subject."

Adopted.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee \$1,000.00 of the General Fund was transferred to Masonic Home Fund. The same committee recommended that \$1,000.00 of the Masonic Charity Fund be transferred to the Masonic Home Fund, and it was done accordingly.

The appropriation for clerk hire in Grand Secretary's office was increased from \$75.00 per annum to \$300.00.

The Grand Master read a letter from the Grand Master of Alabama, proposing the Masonic observance of Benjamin Franklin's birth-day. "Ordered filed."

The next meeting—Annual—of Grand Lodge will be at the city of Helena.

The presentation of the Signet Ring by retiring Grand Master, to incoming Grand Master was happily made; also the testimonial, in the shape of a ring, to Past Grand Master Hepner.

The special committee on the death of Past Grand Master Wilbur F. Sanders, presented a brief but most appropriate memorial thereon.

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It is needless to say that the report of Fraternal Correspondence by Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges, Chairman of the committee, is the work of a master hand.

Universally regarded as a correspondent of distinguished ability, he keeps up the pace set by himself long ago, in spite of the "rheumatics." Long may he continue the same!

Alabama-1904, is generously given nearly three full pages of brotherly notice—Brotherly, even if Bro. Hedges does intimate, after quoting M. W. Grand Master Redden's encouraging words on the condition and prospects of Masonry in the State, that "There is a wide margin for improvement." He says of our Grand Master-elect, Bro. H. H. Matthews:

"In his eloquent speech of acceptance of an unanimous election as Grand Master, Bro. Matthews expressed himself warmly in favor of a Home, but seemed to think the temperature of the prospects rather chilly."

He thinks our W. and O. Fund "holds out a faint hope for the great grandchildren of the present generation." Again—

"Bro. Scott thought the need of a Masonic Home had cried long enough to require some attention, and called for volunteers for a crusade."

We repress our modesty, and extract the following for the purpose of making a slight correction, and also to let our Brethren of Alabama know how handsomely Bro. Hedges speaks of the writer who, nevertheless, is not conscious of deserving such high praise :

"The largest and best part of this ample volume is occupied with Past Grand Master" (Please leave out the word "Grand," as we are only an humble Past Master, dear Brother,) "Titcomb's correspondence report, four full pages of which are given to our proceedings—1903, all others are treated with equal fullness. If the Masons of Alabama appreciate and appropriate the instruction and information contained in this report, they will be among the best instructed and equipped of any in the world. We would like to see a copy of it in every Mason's hands in the country. It would save many a poor fellow like myself a long, hard job."

While profoundly grateful for such commendation, we will see to it that we are not thereby exalted, in our own estimation)

to such dizzy height as to make us share the melancholy fate of Aesop's Tortoise.

Brother Hodges is justly proud of Montana. Were it possible, how gladly we should embrace his kind invitation to visit with him the National Park, and to fish for trout in those beautiful lakes! He closes his review of Alabama with the remark that, just now, irrigation and the Japanese war divide his attention. Thanks, in large measure, to President Roosevelt, a Brother Mason, said war is over. As a reviewer Bro. Hedges has no superior. After reading this report we have concluded that it is the best of the fine work of his pen.

Bro. H. L. Frank, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro Cornelius Hedges, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

49TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—JUNE 1906.

Bro. Melville R. Hopewell, M.: W.: Grand Master.

An Emergent Communication had been held Friday, April 6, 1906, for the purpose of attending the burial of Past Deputy Grand Master, Elias H. Clark.

Before proceeding with our notice of the Annual Grand Communications, we, as usual, note the statistics of Lodges and membership so far as number of the same is concerned: Chartered, Lodges, 234; Lodges U. D., 2; membership, 15,168; gain upon last year, 459.

The review of this volume (which is a great credit to Grand Secretary White—and the printer) must be cursory, as we are about to pack up our work for the year and send it to the printer.

Two hundred seven of the two hundred thirty-four chartered Lodges were represented at this communication.

The Grand Master's address (11½ pp.) is an excellent business paper.

We note that, on hearing the news of the San Francisco calamity, he had wired to the Grand Master of California to draw a sight draft on Grand Secretary White for \$500.00. Some of the Lodges had contributed to the fund for relief of the California Brethren.

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The following under the head of Visitations, is deemed worthy of repetition.

"Oakland, No. 91, and George Armstrong, No. 241, I feel a peculiar interest in, for the reason that I assisted in starting them. They are both excellent Lodges. Each has at its head a genuine Masonic crank, who labors incessantly for the good of the Craft, and obliges his subordinate officers to do likewise. The consequence is, there is no loitering or indifference in the Lodge room; but all is activity and enthusiasm."

"Here let me say I wish we had more cranks in the Master's chair. We would have more good Lodges. The Master cannot do all the work, but he can do a great deal. A Lodge never dies of inanition that has a wide-awake Master. It is an impossibility. He will not only do his part, but he will stir up the brethren to do theirs, and when officers and members alike do their full duty, the Lodge grows and prospers just as surely as sunshine and rain bring forth vegetation."

He had issued seventeen special dispensations for various purposes, such as to elect and install officers; to waive time in conferring degrees, (5 such) &c.

He had submitted seventeen decisions, conformable doubtless to the laws of his jurisdiction.

We note the following decisions:

"1. A brother dimitting from a Lodge in this jurisdiction, must pay his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year."

"13. An applicant for the Entered Apprentice degree should be twenty-one years old at the time of signing the petition. It is not enough that he would be twenty-one years old before the petition could be acted on."

Strictly correct.

"16. Where a Lodge receives a petition, and objection to initiation is made before ballot, and the Master does not order a ballot, the Lodge holds jurisdiction over the party the same as though he had been rejected by ballot. The Master erred in such case in allowing the petition to be withdrawn without a ballot."

In Alabama, a petition received can be disposed of only by ballot.

The Grand Master said the Orphan Educational Fund was considerably over \$40,000.00.

Grand Treasurer Dinsmore reported on hand the sum of \$21,296.21—General Fund, \$19,222.41; Relief Fund, \$2,073.80, Grand Secretary White, in his model report, says that the

total number of inmates at the Masonic Home, for the year, was twenty-six. Cost of maintenance per capita, one year: \$206.36.

The report of the Trustees of the Orphans' Educational Fund, exhibits securities on hand to the amount of \$39,148.46, which with amount of cash on hand, \$8,637.32, more than justify the Grand Master's assertion that said fund amounted to more than \$40,000.00.

It is noted in the report of the Committee on Credentials that 22 Past Grand Masters were in attendance on the Grand Communication. A splendid showing.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead contains a fitting tribute to the worth of the late Past Grand Master, Robert Wilkinson Furnas.

A telegram congratulating the Grand Lodge of Delaware on its approaching Centennial Celebration, was ordered.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

An impressive oration on the Order, purposes, motives and beliefs of Masonry was delivered by Roderick D. Sutherland. Received with thanks and requested for publication.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approved all of the Grand Master's special dispensations and all of his decisions except No. 14, which reads as follows:

"14. Where fees have been paid for any of the degrees, and the candidate has been ready to receive them but dies without receiving them, the fees should be refunded to his estate."

The committee said that under the law the fees belonged to the Lodge. Technically correct—but—

It seems to the writer that under such circumstances, no self-respecting Lodge would retain those fees.

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The report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Past Grand Master, Charles J. Phelps, Chairman of the Committee, is not one "jot or tittle" behind its predecessors in merit. Brother Phelps is one of the foremost reviewers in the Guild of correspondents. In the compass of one hundred pages, he skims off the cream of all the volumes reviewed.

Alabama—1905 is accorded a page and a-half of fraternal notice. Grand Master Henry H. Matthews' address is briefly sum-

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marized with evident approval. He quotes a portion of the writer's remarks on the Queensland matter, characterizing the animadversion upon the course alleged to have been pursued by the District Grand Masters E. C. and S. C., as just. But proceeds to pounce upon the writer in the following:

"The Valle de Mexico, he admits, is striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be, and he heartily sympathizes with our brethren in that jurisdiction, yet he deems it wise to defer recognition for the present. The writer confesses to an inability to see the consistency between the "sympathy" and the "striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be," and the recommendation "to defer recognition."

With all due respect for the opinions of our esteemed M. W. Brother in Nebraska, we must be allowed to intimate that, to our thinking, the foregoing does not do exact justice to what we did say in the special report to which he refers. We said in that report: "As to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, while we heartily sympathize with those brethren in Mexico City who are striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be, and while we indulge the hope that they will ultimately succeed, your committee nevertheless deems it wise to defer recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico for the present at least, and so recommend." We merely expressed, in that passage, sympathy with those of our brethren in said Jurisdiction who were striving to make the Institution in their midst what it should be—not wholesale sympathy with the entire body of Mexican Masons, or with the entire Grand Lodge referred to.

We trust our Brother's mental vision will be sufficiently clear to enable him to see the "consistency" of our remark.

He does the writer the honor of quoting, with evident approval, the conclusion of the Alabama report on Correspondence.

It is a distinct pleasure to find ourselves in agreement with our eminent Brother on many points of opinion.

Bro. Zwingle M. Baird, M. W. Grand Master.
Bro Francis E. White, R. W. Grand Secretary.

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NEVADA.

42D ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE 1906.

Bro. Charles A. Beemer, M. W. Grand Master, whose portrait appears on the first page of this neat volume.

Number of working Lodges, 23; membership, 1,113; net gain, 83.

Grand Lodge receipts during the year, \$1,581.83.

On Sept. 16, 1905, a special communication had been held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Reno.

Six Past Grand Masters, and three other Past Grand Officers, manifested their interest in Masonry by attending the Grand Communication, which opens June 12th.

Twenty-five Grand Lodges were represented, Alabama included. These Grand Representatives, being introduced, were received and welcomed in the customary manner.

The address of the Grand Master, though short, (about 8 pp.) fills all requirements as an account of his administration.

He had granted but few dispensations—none to waive time in conferring degrees.

After a stirring appeal issued by himself to the constituent Lodges, on learning of the terrible destruction of life and property by earthquake and fire, at San Francisco, on the 18th of last April, he was happy to say that the Lodges responded nobly. From the Grand Secretary's report we find that the total amount contributed in response to this call was the sum of \$3,502.55. Grand Master Flint, of California, in his letter of acknowledgment, pronounced it "the largest contribution received, considering the number of members of the Jurisdiction of Nevada."

The Grand Master had made several visitations officially, and had been everywhere cordially received and heartily welcomed.

We note the following decisions handed down by Grand Master Beemer:

The first ruling, in answer to five questions, was elicited by the following: "One Edward Dunscombe took the E. A., F. C., and M. M. degrees in Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, at Shanghai, China, A. D., 1865, as evidenced by a diploma granted him by the Grand Lodge of England under date of May 18, A. D., 1900. He was granted a certificate by said Royal Sussex Lodge, certifying that he was a member of said Lodge from July 28, A. D.,

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1865, to March 27, A. D., 1867, and at the last named date, he "called off, in due form" (dimitted), since which time, we understand, he has paid no dues. Under this showing he wishes to know if he can be permitted to visit Reno Lodge No. 13. He claims to have visited a Masonic Lodge once or twice since 1867."

Answer to Question 1: "He is entitled to visitation if he can pass a satisfactory examination."

Answer to No. 2: "His diploma does not entitle him to visit without having passed a satisfactory examination."

Answer to No. 3: "The fact that he has not paid dues for so many years, does not operate as a bar to visitation."

Answer to No. 4: "If permitted to visit the Lodge, he is not obliged to pay dues either to this Lodge or the Grand Lodge as a condition. All non-affiliates are, however, amenable to our Code, relative to payment of dues."

"Answer to question 5 is found in Answers 3 and 4."

After reference of a petition for the degrees, to an investigating committee it was discovered that petitioner had lost first phalanx of his right thumb. The question was asked, "Is he physically disqualified?"

The answer was, "Yes."

A second question was as follows:

"Can the Lodge return the petition without ballot on the application for degrees?"

Answer: "Yes."

A quite extended correspondence ensued in regard to conferring the degrees upon a petitioner who has been elected to receive the E. A. Degree in an Ohio Lodge, Oct. 19, 1905. but had left that State without taking his degree.

March 26, 1906, the Ohio Lodge requested a Nevada Lodge to confer the E. A. Degree on the said petitioner, examine him for passing, and report to the Ohio Lodge for ballot, &c. Under the circumstances, which we will not take space to enumerate, the Nevada Lodge was forbidden to comply with said request.

Under the head of "Recommendations" we note that the Grand Master reviewed his predecessor's recommendation (which had not been acted on) that constituent Lodges should state, in their By-Laws, the hour of the day when their regular meetings are to be held.

The Grand Treasurer reported, June 12, 1906, cash in the treasury, \$2,068 80.

The Committee on By-Laws reported favorably on recommendation of the Grand Master that the hour of meeting of the constituent Lodges be stated in their By-Laws.

Adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the several decisions of the Grand Master, and so did the Grand Lodge.

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Brother Edward D. Vanderleith, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents his fifth report from said committee (204 pp.) (but he does not list the volumes reviewed, and we have not time to count them,) that his report is a thoroughly good one, we readily undertake to affirm. His brief Introduction is "a well-cut jewel."

Listen:

"Great organizations, my Brethren, never stand still. Their work urges them ever onward, and when their efforts fail, they move backward. Masonry's growth during the year past has been marvelous, and we can truly record, she 'grows with her growth, and strengthens with her strength.' This is due to the true greatness of her individual members, and the centrality of individual greatness is character. It commands universal respect, and its influence for good shines like a well-cut jewel. Maintain the high standard of the character of the individual in our loved Fraternity, and success will abide in our Lodges, for the only foundation of real success is character. Therefore, my brothers, 'let your character be real, the shining warp and woof of each day working out the part God has set you in the great loom of time.'"

Alabama—1905, receives fraternal and courteous notice, nearly six pages of print, about three of which are generously accorded the writer. He seems surprised at our large net gain of 1,274, last year. His surprise would cease if he could spend a season with our indefatigable Grand Secretary, Brother Beauchamp.

He criticises our Past Grand Masters because only five were present at our Annual Communication. Dear Brother, of our forty-three Past Grand Masters, only nine are known, by the writer, to be living. Further remark is needless, save to say, in general, that there are two special reasons why Past Grand

Masters should attend Grand Lodge. The first is, to show a due appreciation of the honors their brethren have conferred upon them. The second, that Grand Lodge may have the benefit of their experience and wise counsels.

Brother Vanderleith and the writer are of one mind on the eligibility of candidates who cannot read and write.

The reviewer quotes the writer's resolution, (which was lost,) to require Lodges re-instating suspended members (n. p. d.) to pay to Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge dues for said members, for the period of their suspension, and comments as follows:

Here we agree with the Grand Lodge and agree with Brother Titcomb, and likewise disagree with both. We believe that dues should accrue during suspension, and we believe also that the resolution should have been passed."

Well, Brother, thanks for your partial agreement with us, but all the same we are steadfastly of the opinion that dues should not accrue during period of suspension n. p. d.

Brother Vanderleith is "long" on the subject of suspension n. p. d., devoting four paragraphs to his advocacy of accruing dues; but would it not be as well for us to "let up" on that question, and agree to disagree? As we are both of us so pronounced in our views thereon, further discussion would seem to be unprofitable.

It encourages the writer to know that Brother Vanderleith entertains like views with himself in respect of the system of Grand Representatives.

Dear Brother, if you will look again, to our last report, you will see that we did not say: "charge Vanderleith" with "the N. P. D.'s rather heavy account." We did say: "Charge Vanderleith to the p. d.'s rather heavy account."

The question of admitting Roman Catholics is not a burning one, hence discussion of it is not by any means imperative. It is, however, due to ourselves perhaps to state that we do not propose legislation against Romanists, but would leave the matter to the arbitrament of the ballot. At the same time our opinion is that to make Masons of Roman Catholics is not judicious.

On another subject, Brother Vanderleith says:

"Under Kansas, Brother, we said that the universality of Masonry was broad enough to include as Masons and Brothers both Bro. Shaw "(Shaver?)" with his claim that the display of the

Stars and Stripes does not trespass on Masonry's universality, and Bro. Titcomb, who holds that such display upsets the claims of Masonry to universality. We gave our views in nearly half a page. Sorry our Brother deemed them mere assertion. We think he missed the point intended to be made, as we are not given to mere assertion arguments, and respectfully ask a re-reading.

In justice to Bro. Vanderleith, and to ourselves as well, we reproduce what he said in the passage to which he refers. It is as follows:

"The universality of Masonry is broader than the view Bro. Titcomb takes of it, and Masonry's grand characteristic, toleration is broader likewise than Bro. Shaver's idea of it. A flag display cannot upset Masonry's universality; neither is it as tolerant of a visiting Brother who may not view the display in the same light as the Brethren of the Lodge view it. Masonry's lessons are everywhere disseminated, firmly and irrevocably so. Her toleration, save in the belief in God, has no limit. Surely under such broad tenets the National ensign may be displayed without danger of upsetting her universality and each other's opinions be freely expressed. While we do not approve of a flag display, for Masonry's altar more appropriately and forcibly expresses her love of country, yet we are tolerant enough to uphold our Kansas Brethren in their desire to see the flag so displayed in their Lodge Rooms."

With all due respect we must confess that we see only assertion in the foregoing. Furthermore, it seems to us that the exercise of that great "characteristic, toleration" should impel us to display nothing in the Lodge except what was peculiarly Masonic. We suppose, when the flag is unfurled in the Lodge, all Masons present—be they Americans, Frenchmen, Germans or Italians, Europeans or Asiatics—are expected to bow allegiance to this particular National ensign. If the U. S. flag must be displayed, why not, when any foreign Masons are present, display the flags of their respective nations? This fad seems to be an innovation in the body of Masonry.

While, in Brother Vanderleith's thoughtful reports, antagonism of others' views occasionally occur, his courtesy is nevertheless unfailing, and his pages are interesting "from start to finish."

We agree, as doubtless, Bro. Marcombe does, not to call him "Grand Commissioner of Review."

With the following, we must close this over-long paper:
Under British Columbia, referring to the contention of Bros.

Barlow and Robbins that petitions may be refused without reference to a committee, and the writer's dissent therefrom, citing the Alabama law requiring reference to a committee. Bro. Vanderlieth says:

"Such is our law also. It is based upon the belief that when a petition is read to the Lodge it has been received, and should go to a committee. However this may be, we favor the reference plan. It is the more careful way. Investigation oft-times works wonders, and things believed to be true are sometimes proved to be false. When a man gets his day in court, see that he has a day worth while, and then no complaint; everybody satisfied will be heard on all sides. Has our Brother heard the no-complaint story? Well, an old darkey had been worried with a nagging wife for years. One day she up and died. The husband informed a 'cullud gem-an' and neighbor of the dear one's demise, in his best style. "What complaint?" enquired the neighbor. "No complaint; everybody satisfied," came the quick response. * * * * *

Bro. Walter J. Harris, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Chauncey N. Noteware, V.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

38TH ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1905.

Bro. Edwin J. Everett, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 37; membership, 2,200; net gain, 59.

We here note the following statistics:

"Initiated.....	135
Passed.....	142
Raised.....	185
Joined.....	14
Reinstated.....	14
Withdrawn.....	62
Suspended.....	13
Died.....	29

"Dispensations issued by order of the Grand Master, 25; to confer degrees at short intervals, 18; to attend Divine Service, 8; to install officers, 2; to meet a Lodge and confer degrees, 2.

"Total receipts \$4,987.12. Balance on hand, August 10, 1905, \$2,428.24.

"Fund of Benevolence—receipts \$1,514.07, payments \$1,045.30; leaving balance on hand Aug. 10, 1905, \$468.77.

"Total assets same date, \$3,468.77."

At the opening of Grand Lodge there were present the

M. W. Grand Master and thirteen of the other Grand Officers, a constitutional number of representatives of the subordinate Lodges, five Past Grand Masters, seven Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Representatives of twenty four Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not being represented.

In his address the Grand Master said:

"It is very satisfactory to be able to report that no complaint has been received from any Lodge or Brother; Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, a condition for which we cannot, indeed, be too thankful."

"From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, you will find that the Private Lodges are in a vigorous and healthy state, and that Grand Lodge financially and otherwise is prosperous."

"Our relations with the other Grand Lodges with whom we are in correspondence continue to be of the most friendly nature."

He made feeling announcement of the death of six Brethren of his jurisdiction and reported the distinguished dead of other Grand Lodges, of which he had received official notice.

Although he had been unable to make as many visitations as he had hoped to make, he did visit about twenty of them, and these visits were surely not without profit to all concerned.

He had issued dispensations for organization of two new Lodges. He reported but two decisions—one of these excluded from Masonry a man with an artificial foot. It would seem that, though we may take the chances as to soundness of heart and brains, still we must require an applicant to have sound hands and feet to fit him for the high and noble mission of Masonry.

His other decision was as follows:

"That although a Lodge may as a matter of Masonic courtesy, at the request of another Lodge, confer the second or third degree, or both of them, on a brother initiated in the latter Lodge, it could not initiate and make a Mason of a man on such request; for under our constitution a man must be proposed, balloted for and accepted in the Lodge in which he is initiated."

On recommendation of the Committee on Relations with other Grand Lodges, fraternal relations were accorded to the newly organized Grand Lodge of Queensland.

On recommendation of the Committee on Warrants (Charters), a warrant was granted to Mananook Lodge U. D. Calebrook Lodge U. D. was also warranted.

The Board of General Purposes made report, and it was re-

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solved "That the report be received and lie on the table." The same was of local interest only.

From the reports of the District Deputies it is learned that the Lodges of the Jurisdiction are, almost without exception, in a highly satisfactory condition.

We must be permitted to congratulate the V.: W.: Grand Secretary upon the splendid execution of this volume of proceedings.

Bro. Edwin J. Everett, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. Twining Hartt, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.**119TH ANNUAL—TRENTON—MARCH, 1906.**

Bro. Benj. F. Wakefield, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges (by our count), 182; members, 24,973; net gain, 1,486. Portraits—Grand Master Wakefield, Grand Secretary T. H. R. Redway, Deputy Grand Secretary W. H. Ruton, and Past Grand Master Thos. W. Tilden who died Aug 10, 1905.

Two Emergent Communications were held during the year—one to constitute a Lodge and install its officers, the other to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master Thos. W. Tilden.

All the Grand Officers were at their posts when Grand Lodge was opened, together with 14 District Deputies, 9 Past Grand Masters, 2 Past Grand Wardens, and Representatives of 41 Grand Jurisdictions, including M.: W.: Henry R. Cannon, for Alabama. Ten or twelve distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions were also present and were duly received and welcomed.

In his address the Grand Master feelingly announced the death of M.: W.: Thos. W. Tilden. He also recorded the names of those New Jersey Brethren who had died during the year, reviewing the Lodge to which each belonged, with a brief Masonic record of each of said brethren.

Under the head Grand Lodge of Washington the Grand Master recommended that the interdict and resolution of non-intercourse with said Grand Lodge be rescinded. This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. We regret to note that said committee subsequently reported adversely upon it. The committee was of the opinion that said Grand Lodge had

really receded from its position which gave umbrage to its sister jurisdictions. Ah! Brethren, "let us have peace."

The Grand Master also recommended that official recognition be extended to the following Grand Bodies, viz.: Grand Lodge of the three Globes, Grand Lodge of the Royal York, Grand Lodge of Saxony, Grand Lodge of Zur Sonne. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which this recommendation was referred, reported cordial concurrence therein, and the Grand Lodge approved the same.

The Grand Master had constituted one Lodge, and granted dispensations for organizing four new Lodges.

He had made several visitations, much to his satisfaction, a cordial welcome attending him in every instance. "In a large majority of instances 'work' was set aside in order that the entire evening might be given over to social intercourse."

We presume that personal inspection of the work in each case was deemed unnecessary.

On a charge of unmasonic conduct the Treasurer of a certain Lodge had been suspended from office until otherwise ordered by the Grand Master of the present Grand Lodge.

During the year he had to seventy-two Lodges "granted dispensations to suspend such portion of General Regulation No. 11 as prevents the conferring of a degree on more than one candidate at a time, and authorized said Lodges to confer the "E. A.," "F. C." or "M. M. degrees upon five, or a less number of candidates, at the same time conforming closely to the Ritual. These dispensations all terminate this 21st day of March, 1906."

Of the District Deputies the Grand Master said:

"The present corps of Deputies may have been equalled, but never excelled, in earnest work for the correct rendition of the Ritual and for loyalty to the teachings of our time-honored institution."

Balance on hand March 21, 1906, in the treasury \$16,425.00.

The Grand Secretary reported "all returns received and found correct in every particular."

Home Maintenance Fees received during 1905, \$11,973.40. Special Charity Fund, after deduction of 3 donations aggregating \$320.62, \$853.73.

The Masonic Home Committee made a full, interesting, detailed report of most encouraging character.

The investments of the Permanent Fund, in bonds and mortgages, amounted to \$18,840 50.

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented, received and ordered printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

At a certain hour, business not pressing, Grand Lodge indulged in a short season of refreshment, listening to fraternal addresses of distinguished visitors.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the interdict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was rescinded. If, as said committee was advised, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has repented her evil practice of invading foreign jurisdictions—trespassing against her neighbors—very well.

On recommendation of the same committee, consideration of the application of the Grand Orient of Brazil for recognition was deferred for the present, but the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Puerto Rico, and *Valle de Mexico* were duly recognized—the last named, however, by adoption of a substitute for an unfavorable report of the F. C. committee.

It seems that the Grand Lodge did a wholesale business in the matter of recognitions; for in addition to the preceding cases, a call upon the Correspondence Committee to report upon the following Grand Lodges, viz: "Grand National Lodge of Freemasons of Germany, in Berlin; Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, in Frankfort-on-Main; Grand Lodge of Concord, in Darmstadt;" resulted in a favorable report thereon by said committee, and recognition was duly accorded said Grand Lodges.

Committee on Petitions and Grievances made report on two cases, and the reports were adopted.

The Grand Representatives present were formally received and welcomed.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

"Whereas, The first Provincial Grand Master of Masons in the Provinces of America was Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, who was commisioned to that office by Earl of Norfolk, the Grand Master of England, in 1730; and

"Whereas, The said Daniel Coxe, who was a leading citizen of the Province of New Jersey, its principal landed proprietor, and a Judge of its Supreme Court, lies buried in the floors of St. Anne's Church in Burlington, New Jersey, since 1789, without mark to indicate his distinguished position in the history of Masonry in the United States, therefore

"Resolved, That the Grand Master of Masons of the State of

New Jersey be authorized to provide a bronze tablet, with appropriate inscription (to be satisfactory to the Rector of the parish of St. Mary's, Burlington), and instal the same on or near the grave of the said Provincial Grand Master, Daniel Coxe, to honor his memory and indicate his last resting place."

That the grave of so eminent a Brother should have been neglected for 167 years is strange.

This review of the New Jersey proceedings is very far from exhaustive, but we are admonished, by the number of volumes awaiting attention, to bring this paper to a close, only adding that Grand Lodge granted warrants to four Lodges U. D., and briefly paying our respects to our new Brother in the Guild of Correspondents, and cordially welcoming Brother Robert A. Shirrefs to a seat at the "round table."

If Brother Shirrefs is new to the reviewer's task, we must say that he is gifted with remarkable aptitude for discharge of his new duties. His report embraces synopses of the proceedings of 64 Grand Bodies, including Alabama 1904, which he treats fraternally and with courtesy. He notes with approval Grand Master Rob't J. Redden's decision that "if a member is in good standing, owing the Lodge no dues, he is entitled to a dimit even if his Lodge holds his note for a sum of money. The dimit must be granted if applied for, or charges preferred against him."

Brother Shirrefs adds:

"The right to dimit is being conditioned in so many jurisdictions that it is gratifying to note any reminder of the 'freedom of the fathers.' "

He quotes the writer's opinion that the time is not very remote when brains and heart, in one scale, will make fingers and toes, in the other scale, kick the beam, and comments thus:

"Which is probably more or less dependent upon possession of the former by all concerned." (Freely admitted.) He intimates that "New Jersey is not ready for the artificial-limb test vote, however, by a good many years."

Well, Brother, we can wait. Time will prove who is correct in this regard.

The writer greatly appreciates Brother Shirref's very complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. Walter Chandler, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Thos. H. R. Redway, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

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Chartered Lodges, 24; Lodge U. D., 1; members, 1,484; net gain 56. During the year five special communications were held—two for laying corner-stones, one for constituting a Lodge and two for dedicating Lodge halls.

According to the report of the Committee on Credentials, there were present at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, eight District Deputies, and fourteen Past Grand Officers, of whom seven were Past Grand Masters. (No doubt the committee put the right heading over the representatives of Lodges, but the "devil" made it read "Representatives of Grand Lodges.")

The Grand Master, in his address, announced the death of twenty-five brethren in his jurisdiction during the year. He reported fifteen dispensations issued for various purposes—none of them, we are pleased to see, permitted waiver of time in conferring degrees.

His four decisions submitted, with which we can find no fault, as well as his dispensations granted, were all approved, as rendered, by the Committee on the Address; which committee also desired to express its "hearty appreciation of the work done by the District Deputy Grand Masters, as upon them falls much, if not all, of the actual drudgery of the executive work of a jurisdiction."

The committee also suggest the New Jersey plan of selecting each new Junior Grand Warden from the ranks of the District Deputies, as encouragement and incentive. In fitting terms the committee referred to the printing of Bro. Robt. Freke Gould's "Concise History of Freemasonry," by some American publishers.

It's scandalous to rob Brother Gould of his right to his own work.

The committee thought the time not ripe for adopting the Grand Secretary's suggestion that, requiring visitors to present Grand Lodge certificates of their standing, was a necessity. Report adopted.

Balance on hand in Grand Treasury \$2,472.27, Charity Fund \$2,362.96, making a total of \$4,835.23.

The Grand Lecturer says that all the Lodges have made returns and paid their dues with one exception, and that one, he thought, would bring returns and money at present session.

The report of the Grand Lecturer was very encouraging, he intimating that the Lodges, almost without exception, manifested anxiety to secure uniformity in the Work of the Jurisdiction, and to perfect themselves therein.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the application of recognition made by the Grand Lodge of Guatemala was deferred for investigation and further information, and that of Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was put off for like reasons.

The Grand Lodge Alpina (Swiss) has to wait until there is sufficient evidence before the committee to warrant recommending recognition.

As to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, the committee could not at present recommend recognition.

Report referred to incoming Grand Master.

Past Grand Master J. H. Wroth did himself honor by introducing the following resolution, which, we are glad to see, was adopted:

"In view of the fact that the Grand Secretary's office should be also a center of Masonic authority and should contain a reference library of Masonic works, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be empowered to expend seventy-five dollars annually in the purchase of standard Masonic literature, having in view the gradual growth of a Grand Lodge library, and that the members of this Grand Lodge be requested to donate to this object anything bearing upon Masonry or general Masonic historical interest that may be of service to this Grand Lodge and the Craft in general, and that should any occasion demand the taking of books from this library, it can only be done by a subordinate Lodge making application on proper blanks over the Master's signature and under the seal of the Lodge; such Lodge to be responsible for the safe return or replacement of any book loaned."

On the evenings of the first and second days, Exemplification of the Work, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, was determined upon.

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, a charter was granted to the one Lodge U. D.

The report of Committee on Appeals was adopted. One of the four cases reported on was the appeal of a party who had

been expelled by a certain Lodge. Two members of the committee had participated in the trial of said party; therefore, instead of acting on this appeal, the committee recommended that the case be referred to a special committee.

Subsequently said special committee reported on the case, and affirmed the action of the Lodge which expelled that member. Adopted.

A resolution was adopted providing that the Grand Lecturer, with the advice and consent of the Grand Master, appoint a Deputy Lecturer in each Lodge. In case no one, in any Lodge, competent to instruct the brethren, could be found, the nearest District Lecturer was to visit said Lodge at least once a year as instructor.

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The report on Foreign Correspondence is the happily conceived and well expressed production of Past Grand Master J. H. Wroth, Chairman of the Committee, who reviews the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges (one for two years) in a paper covering about 250 pages of the Proceedings. It is an excellent presentation of Masonic conditions and opinions. We greatly like his manner of expressing himself, whether in some points we fully agree with him or not, candor and fairness characterize all his utterances.

We cannot entirely concur with him in a few of his conclusions; but with most of them we do agree.

His "conclusion" commands our hearty approval, still its length precludes its reproduction here. We particularly endorse his exaltation of Symbolic, or Ancient Craft Masonry, also his hints about making the Lodge attractive.

Alabama-1904 is accorded nearly three pages of courteous, brotherly notice. He says of M.: W.: Brother Redden's decision that a Lodge cannot refuse to grant a dimit to a member because he owes the Lodge a debt evidenced by a note, if he is in good standing, with dues paid up:

"This seems to be good logic."

As to our Grand Master's decision concerning new Lodges just organizing, when in the number of petitions there are none who have ever served as Masters or Wardens, that the Grand Master may appoint one of their number Worshipful Master of

of the proposed Lodge, provided all the constitutional requirements are fulfilled, which decision failed to receive approval by one Grand Lodge. He says:

"We rather agree with the Grand Master in his decision."

He compliments our Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals on its declaration, that it should not be the policy of the Grand Lodge to encourage the use of Lodge machinery for the collection of debts.

Brother Wroth's kind reference to the writer's report on Correspondence is highly appreciated. His spectacles must have needed wiping when he read what the writer had said in regard to Bro. Seamon's attitude toward the Grand Orient of Belgium.

In that remark of ours we utterly fail to discover anything that could be construed into opposition to "persistence and insistence that Foreign Grand Lodges shall keep good company and show a fairly direct lineage before recognition." He smoothes our feathers by saying in conclusion: "However, we like Brother Titcomb's frankness. It's breezy and a tonic." He must have misapprehended our meaning. His reports will ever be welcome visitors.

Bro. James G. Fitch, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

17TH ANNUAL REPORT—SYDNEY—JUNE, 1905.

Bro. John Cochrane Remington, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

No. of Lodges, 201; members, 10,510—increase for the year, 468.

This handsomely executed volume of proceedings is enriched by a chart showing number of Lodges working from 1888 to 1905, also one showing Progress of Funds and Membership from 1892 to 1905, and by a map of New South Wales, showing names and numbers of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, indicating the number of Lodges visited during the last six years.

This volume contains Reports of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in the following communications:

Special, 18th July, 1904; Quarterly, 14th Sept., 1904; Quarterly, 14th December, 1904; Quarterly, 8th March, 1905; Special, 13th June, 1905; Quarterly, 14th June, 1905.

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The Appendix contains Statistics of Lodges and Members, Records of Mortality, Register of Sister Grand Lodges, Report of Foreign Correspondence, Report of Freemasons' Orphan Society, and Report of Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.

To the great praise of our N. S. W. Brethren be it said that their Benevolent Fund amounts to \$51,667.20; their Freemasons' Benevolent Institution Fund, \$39,491.20, and their Freemasons' Orphan Society Fund to \$125,899.20

Grand Master John C. Remington had served as such for five consecutive years; and so impressed were the Brethren with his ability, zeal, energy and success in upbuilding the Fraternity, that they elected him to serve a sixth year.

M.'. W.'. Brother Remington's several addresses evince zeal for the Fraternity, a high order of ability, scholarship and refinement. His candor, too, is conspicuous. The following episode illustrates the last remark: All the Lodges and the members of the Craft generally, in tendering congratulations upon Brother Remington's sixth election as Grand Master, accompanied the same with a magnificent oil painting of himself, together with a diamond pendant, all happily presented through R.'. W.'. Bro. Sir Henry Rawson. As the portrait was unveiled the Brethren rose *en masse* and applauded vigorously for some minutes. Rising to respond, the Grand Master said:

"Your Excellency, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren: I suppose the proper thing to say upon an occasion of this kind, when such a magnificent presentation has been made, is that you have taken me by surprise. But if I were to do so it would be received with an amount of incredulity to-night, because I need scarcely tell you that the work, which reflects great credit upon the artist, is the result of a number of weary sittings extending over many weeks past. I must say that the ordeal of sitting for the portrait exceeded all the ordeals I ever went through before in Freemasonry."

(Laughter and applause.)

His good lady will, no doubt, proudly wear that "diamond pendant" as a souvenir of the affection of the Craft for her distinguished husband.

The Representatives of 37 English speaking Grand Bodies, and 14 non-English speaking Grand Bodies were presented to the Grand Master in the usual manner.

At the Special Communication, July 18, 1904, after the Grand

Master's address, his installation occurred with much eclat, after which followed the investiture of the D. G. M. and the other Grand Lodge officers.

With the exception of some routine business, the attention of Grand Lodge was mainly directed to two of the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes, viz: That \$698.00 be voted annually to the five hospitals; and that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The first named recommendation was carried unanimously, and the second, after strong advocacy and vigorous opposition, was carried with only 5 dissentient votes. The report of the Board on the Queensland matter was exhaustive.

Grand Master Remington, it appears went, on invitation, subsequently to Brisbane and installed the officers of the Independent Grand Lodge of Queensland. Of that visit he gives a glowing account in these proceedings. Under the circumstances we wish he had declined to make that visit, if what appears in the following reference be correct: In the report of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the September Quarterly, 1905, we find the following:

"NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND."

'It will be remembered that a movement in Queensland resulted in some Lodges, principally under the Irish constitution, but not including any of our English Lodges, declaring themselves a Grand Lodge and seeking recognition as such, with exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the State. The insignificant number and sectional character of the applicants made their appeal so ridiculous that it was not surprising that recognition was promptly refused by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. New South Wales, however, extended recognition, and from certain newspaper reports it appears that the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Remington, performed an installation ceremony and took part in an 'inauguration.' The remarks he made concerning the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland the Board would rather pass over; but the Grand Lodge of Scotland has drawn attention to an alleged irregularity of the New South Wales Grand Master having gone from Sydney to Queensland and installed as office-bearers of the body so formed 'certain members of the English and Scottish Craft who were suspended members of those two Grand Lodges.' At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the 8d of August inst, this was referred to as 'unfriendly, unmasonic and disrespectful towards the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and it was regretted that one of the brethren complained of had been ex-

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elled from Freemasonry, and the expulsion intimated in ordinary form. The Grand Lodge of Scotland resolved to terminate its connection with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, 'by recalling its representative to that Grand Lodge, and by requesting its representative to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to return his commission.'

"As the Board was not in possession of all the information which was probably before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was resolved to afford the Grand Lodge of New South Wales an opportunity of explaining matters before proceeding to steps which might not be easily retraced."

And the Grand Secretary was instructed to write to New South Wales for information as to the alleged facts.

June 1, 1905, the Grand Treasurer's report showed invested funds and cash balances as amounting to the sum of \$68,880.80

During the year there had been issued 1,332 Master Masons' certificates, and 73 dispensations—all legitimate.

Total relief granted during the year \$1,090.46.

All the proceedings of this Lodge were conducted with perfect dignity and decorum.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution was held Tuesday, May 16, 1905, and was a very interesting occasion.

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(Bro. H. J. Scott, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee.)

The Committee on Correspondence consists of five Brethren—all well equipped (if we may judge by their productions) for the task assigned them. In the distribution of "Proceedings" among the members of the committee, Alabama-1904 fell to the lot of "T. L. R.", which initials we take to be those of V.: W.: Bro. T. L. Rowbotham, one of the committee. His review of Alabama is a concise but excellent summary of our proceedings that year. He will please accept the writer's hearty acknowledgment of the very handsome compliment paid him in this first-class report.

Bro. J. C. Remington, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Arthur H. Bray, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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125TH ANNUAL—NEW YORK CITY—MAY 1906.

Bro. Frank H. Robinson, W.·. M.·. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 772—all made returns and 770 paid dues to date—May 1, 1906. Number of Master Masons, Dec. 31, 1905, 139,203. Net gain over last report, 6,516.

At the Communication under review all the Grand Officers were present, also forty District Deputies, eight Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of sixty six Grand Lodges—same number as last year, R.·. W.·. Otto W. Valger representing Alabama, he having been accredited as representative June 26, 1905.

The address of Grand Master Robinson is an able, business-like and scholarly paper, burdened however with long lists of names of participants in the various ceremonies placed on record; in addition to some 12 or 13 pages under "Fraternal Dead" and "Necrology."

He pays tender and eloquent tribute to the memory of R.·. W.·. Brother Geo. B. Palmer, M.·. W.·. Bro. Daniel D. Tompkins (a Past Grand Master, and Governor of New York, once Vice-President of the United States); and to memory of that eminent Brother, the late Jesse B. Anthony; also to the worth of several other distinguished Brethren deceased.

He had issued some 38 or 40 special dispensations for various purposes, and had granted dispensations for establishment of three new Lodges. An important step taken under his administration was the securing of an enactment of a law by the legislature of New York, as an amendment to the penal code, in relation to the fraudulent use of the name or title of secret fraternities. The effect will be to stamp out of existence bogus Lodges and Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master speaks very encouragingly of the "Masonic Sanatorium for Consumptives" in prospect.

He confidently expects that sufficient funds will be forthcoming to complete the Daniel D. Tompkins monument. By the sixty-two closely printed pages in the Grand Secretary's report, giving names and amounts under "Popular Subscriptions to the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund," it appears that the Grand

Master is warranted in his sanguine expectations, for that list foots up \$12,373.66.

He expressed high commendation of the splendid work of the "German Masonic Temple Association," in maintaining their Home at Tappin, and in the improvement of their East 15th Street Temple.

To the honor of the Grand Master be it said that it occurred to him "that a fund should be created, the income of which would be available to the young men and women" in the Masonic Home at Utica, "who were fitted for and desired a course qualifying them for specialized work in the battle of life," and acting upon this prompting in his own mind, he communicated with Knights Templars Charity Ball Association, suggesting that the net proceeds of the Jan. 1905, Charity Ball—\$18,811.43, be set apart by the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, as the beginning of a fund for the benefit of higher education of their wards. His suggestion was met with hearty approval by the Sir Knights, and the deed was promptly done. The Grand Master said in this connection:

"I am sure that this fund will be increased from year to year until no young man or woman desiring advancement will be denied an opportunity, and that we will be thereby better enabled to give to the world more useful members for the various spheres of life."

"No act of this administration has given me more pleasure than to have had something to do with the creation of a fund which must appeal to all as one of the most deserving of practical charities.

While treating of Masonic Hall and Grand Lodge property, the Grand Master desired to give the brethren a brief summary of the Grand Lodge's resources, as shown by the figures following, viz:

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Permanent Fund—total \$303,630.50.

Trustees Hall and Asylum Fund \$169,244.25 of Reserve Fund. General Fund, after deducting the purchase price of the 24th street property, which cost \$199,244.25, still amounts to \$425.-424.39.

In his concluding sentences the Grand Master makes acknowledgments of overwhelming courtesies, attentions and most loyal support rendered to him during the year. He wished particularly to acknowledge his indebtedness to the Grand Lodge offi-

cers. His high estimate of Grand Secretary Ehlers' ability and faithfulness during 25 years of service, no one could call in question.

On May 1, 1906, was held in Madison Square Garden, City of New York, a grand "Hon. Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund Reception," in which the Grand Officers, representatives of 770 Lodges, Past Grand Masters, and distinguished visitors, participated. A musical program, consisting of choice selections was rendered, and an excellent short address by Grand Master Frank H. Robinson was then delivered; and the Grand Master was followed by Past Grand Master William A. Sutherland in a masterpiece of oratory, which did space admit, we would furnish to our readers. Nevertheless we venture to make a brief extract from M.'. W.'. Brother Sutherland's address, because of its exalted sentiments. After dwelling at some length on the farsightedness and self-sacrificing devotion of Governor Tompkins to the welfare of all our people, in the war of 1812, at a time when our government was in great straits, bankrupt, unable to effect a national loan—Washington in ashes, New York threatened by the British armies; stating that within a brief period Daniel D. Tompkins, at his own expense, raised, armed and equipped twelve thousand troops; that soon after he mustered, armed and put into the field fifty thousand men; that knowing full well, it would be the ruin of his private fortune, he—"the 'Gouverneur Morris of 1812'"—made negotiable, by his personal endorsement, the note of the United States for one million dollars. The government failed to pay, consequently judgment was taken against Gov. Tompkins, and "all his property, including his home, from which the deputy sheriffs carried, upon a sick bed, his wife, and her new-born babe, and laid them upon the streets of the city he had sacrificed his fortune to defend."

"Not one dollar was ever repaid him by the United States."

"Years after his death, the government with fear and halting and reluctant step, brought to his heirs the principal without interest."

Then continues our eloquent brother as follows:

"And yet what message will this monument speak? Could its bronze bosom swell and heave and its chiseled lips utter speech, would we not hear from him whom it commemorates a call to service like unto his own? For he lives best who serves

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most. He climbs highest who most aids others in their upward climb. He approaches the likeness of God who truly loves his neighbor as himself. Quite true it is that all cannot render extraordinary service; all cannot occupy conspicuous places, and all cannot blazon their names upon the roll of fame.

"Three unnamed heroes saved what is now left of San Francisco. Admiral McCalla sent these three from Mare Island with a ton and a half of gun cotton, with orders to check the conflagration at any cost. Undismayed by danger, unappalled by devouring flame and tottering walls, these men calmly and quietly passed from point to point, placed their explosives, and literally hewed a path before the advancing flames so broad that the fire could not leap the chasm. When danger had thus been averted from three hundred thousand lives and desolating flames had been stayed, these three, as quietly as they came returned to their quarters and to unheralded service in the United States navy. Though the names of these men may never be known to fame, they surely are recorded on high; and there is no human being who cannot write his or her name in God's book of remembrance. Not every one is called to do the work of a Tompkins, of a Morris, of a Washington, but each one of us can fulfill the mission assigned him. Each can give some measure of devotion to the welfare of those about us, and if he whom we commemorate to-night could manifest himself to our earthly eyes, if his presence here to-night could be but discerned, and were our ears so attuned as to catch his inspired word, it would surely come as a clarion call to tread the pathway of opportunity, to serve the Supreme Architect of the universe by service rendered unto those of his family whom he has placed about us."

In his report Grand Secretary Ehlers says:

"In submitting this, the twenty-fifth annual report I have been privileged to write, my mind naturally recalls the work accomplished by the Craft in the period of time embraced in this quarter century of Masonic toil."

"During this time 145,658 have been initiated, and 35,549 have passed on to the higher life." * * * * * "Looking back upon the achievements of the Craft in this period of time, every brother may feel a pardonable pride in what Masonry has done, and is doing, in our jurisdiction for the uplifting of the fraternity and the betterment of man."

From his summary, including the period extending from 1881 to 1905, we cull as follows:

"1881—Receipts, \$ 83,027.80; membership, 69,629.
"1891— " \$ 69,635.79; " 77,923.
"1901— " \$ 86,937.65; " 111,385.
"1905— " \$157,274.03; " 139,203.

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The balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, May 16, 1906, was the sum of \$88,414.83.

The list of contributions to the California Relief Fund takes up fifteen closely printed pages, and foots up the handsome amount of \$39,108.22.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence offered the two following resolutions:

"*1st. Resolved,* That inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has recalled the warrant of Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, and that the said Lodge has gone out of existence, its funds distributed and its membership dispersed, this Grand Lodge withdraws the edict issued against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, September 2, 1851, and hereby restores fraternal relationship between the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Lodge of New York."

"*Resolved,* That this resolution be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the said committee be requested to report thereon at this session of the Grand Lodge."

Which the latter did to the following effect:

"We are pleased to learn that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has withdrawn its warrant issued to the body formerly known as Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, and that said Lodge has gone out of existence."

"Correspondence between this Grand Body and other Grand Bodies equally interested in the principles involved has been inaugurated, and we confidently expect that a year hence fraternal relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg can and will be fully restored."

And the report of the committee was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

R. W. Bro. Alton B. Parker, Chief Commissioner, presented the report of the Commission of Appeals, and the report was received and approved. In one of the cases presented the right of Grand Lodge to review and revise the decisions of a Trial Commission is ably and exhaustively discussed and affirmed.

The Committee on Constitution favorably reported on certain amendments to the Book of Constitutions, adopted at the last annual, and said amendments were finally adopted.

Trustees of Permanent Fund reported total loaned on bond and mortgage, and cash on deposit—\$214,379.87.

The Masonic Board of Relief of City of New York, Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, made report, which shows that

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said Board is well fitted for discharge of its important functions. It had distributed charity on 183 warrants, amounting to \$1,734.25. Balance on hand \$17,669.24.

The German Masonic Temple Association is doing a great work in the interest of Masonry and humanity.

The Brooklyn Masonic Guild made a strong report looking to the erection of a temple which should fit the needs of the Fraternity and be a credit to it. The assets of the Guild—cash on deposit and real estate, are \$162,352.85.

The Grand Historian's report covers 58 pages, giving the history of some twenty Lodges, highly interesting to the brethren concerned.

The Trustees of Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund presented an excellent report detailing matters of interest, and of great importance concerning the Masonic Home. Passing by financial statements which deal in large amounts, we note that the Trustees felicitate themselves and the Grand Lodge on the selection of R. W. Dow Beekman as Superintendent, succeeding the lamented M. W. Brother Anthony. The Trustees intimate that the new Superintendent's report is replete with interesting matter respecting the management of the Home, the inmates which averaged in number for the year 808.92.

The Trustees further said:

"Bro. Beekman has anticipated every wish of the Board in the affairs of the Home, and has not only carried out every instruction given him, intelligently and with expedition, but has shown his creative powers in the introduction of new ideas which will prove of the greatest benefit to the Home, its administration and our large family therein contained, both young and old."

A glance through the 27 pages of the Superintendent's exhaustive report fully justifies the high commendation bestowed upon him.

R. W. Otto W. Volger, Alabama's Representative, and 27 other Grand Representatives, were duly received and welcomed.

To the reception of distinguished visitors, Brother Levin Irving Handy M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Delaware, made a lengthy, but happy and instructive response.

The fitting report of the committee on Deceased Brethren was received, and its recommendation for memorial pages for the departed adopted.

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On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, warrants (or charters) were granted to three Lodges U. D.

A cursory examination of the report of the District Deputies shows faithful work on their part, as well as good results springing from the labors of the Grand Lecturer and the deputies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by a committee consisting of M. W. Bro. William Sherer, Chairman of the Committee, Bro. Emil Frenkel and Bro. J. Stewart Wilson. In the space of fifty pages Brother Sherer concisely reviews the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States and those of the Dominion of Canada, Alabama being accorded one half page, while the foreign bodies are reviewed by Brother Emil Frenkel—all in the space of 96 pages. Appended to the text of the review are valuable statistical tables. In "the General Table" the number of members in the United States is given as 1,074,418, and in the Dominion, 54,583. In the U. S. the net gain was 62,871, (only one Jurisdiction had sustained a loss—New Hampshire lost 7.) In the Dominion of Canada the net gain was 3,705.

Great pains must have been taken in preparing the statistical tables showing membership, works and charities of the eight German Grand Lodges, and five independent St. John's Lodges, 1903—1904; also in the table showing No. of Lodges, and members, constituting the union of Grand Lodges of Germany, embracing 10 years ending in 1904.

Bro. Townsend Sendler, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Edw. M. L. Ehlers (P. G. M.) R. W. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

119TH ANNUAL—RALEIGH—JANUARY, 1906.

Bro. Walter S. Liddell, M. W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 338—Lodges making returns 321. Number of Master Masons, Oct. 31, 1905, 15,528—Net gain 950.

A portrait of Grand Master Liddell graces the first page of this volume, and the features of R. W. Past Grand Treasurer, Wm. Simpson, who died last year, as well as those of Brother

Bernice Walker, "a Mason 55 years, and Lecturer 40 years," are shown in the body of the book.

Twelve Past Grand Masters and thirty-two Grand Representatives were reported present when Grand Lodge was opened. Alabama's envoy was not reported as on hand.

The address of Grand Master Liddell (less than 11 pp.) is expressive of entire devotion to the interests of the Craft, as well as of firmness in the discharge of official duty.

He decided that any Lodge within whose jurisdiction a Mason, not a member thereof, resides, may try said Mason for un-masonic conduct, under Art. XIII, Sec. 1, of the Code. He also decided that concurrent jurisdiction of Lodges rests either upon mutual agreement or upon an act of the Grand Lodge.

In this connection he thought it well to suggest that the committee appointed four years since, to codify the laws, get to work and make report at the next Annual, so that Lodges may more readily inform themselves upon rules of procedure.

The Grand Master had granted dispensations for organizing eleven new Lodges, and had secured the revival of three dormant Lodges.

A very few special dispensations had been granted to elect and install officers, and to waive time in conferring degrees. The Grand Master thought circumstances should be urgent to justify dispensing with the law relative to the conferring of the degrees.

He recommended that, since considerable uncertainty as to the right of Lodges to entertain petitions for the degrees from persons who have been residents of the jurisdiction less than one year, Sections 5 and 6, Art. X of the Code seeming to conflict, or to make unjust discrimination in favor of new-comers into the jurisdiction as against those merely moving from one local jurisdiction to another, Section 6 be rescinded. Section 5 makes no distinction between locals and foreigners. If such is not true, an unjust discrimination, he thought, existed. If it is true, Sec. 6 is superfluous.

The Alabama rule simply requires a previous residence of twelve months in the State.

The Grand Master gives unstinted praise to the management of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

In regard to the building of a greatly desired Temple, and the establishment of a Masonic Home, he said that if the Masons of

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the State could present the Temple Building to the Grand Lodge (the Temple to cost \$100,000.00), the rentals would be equivalent to a \$300,000.00 endowment, and this could be done by each individual Mason giving \$10.00, which divided into five annual installments of \$2.00 each, certainly could not work a hardship on any one. * * * * *

* "It is true that it has been our hope to so finance the Temple enterprise that the revenue derived from the building could be devoted to the Home, and this will be the case whenever the bonds we issue are liquidated, and cannot be until they are. I cannot believe that the Masons of North Carolina, when they fully comprehend the proposition, will delay the establishment of a Home, when so little effort and practically no sacrifice on their part will accomplish it."

The Grand Treasurer's total disbursements were \$9,903.66.
Balance on hand \$1,404.66.

Bro. John C. Drewry, R. W. Grand Secretary, made an admirable report covering all the ground. As Grand Secretary Bro. Drewry has given ten years of faithful, efficient service to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum made an interesting and highly encouraging report for the twelve months ending October 31, 1905.

The Board called attention to the increasing interest of Masons and people at large in the orphans' work as evidenced by the increased receipts from:

	1904	1905
"Lodges and other Masonic bodies.....	\$4,234 97	\$3,455 72
Individuals	204 59	1,103 65
Churches, schools and Sunday Schools..	386 65	652 99
Concerts of singing class	5,476 60	6,247 62
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	\$8,292 81	\$11,459 98

"Showing an increase of \$3,177.17 for the year 1905."

"The total legacies to the Asylum amount to \$7,800.00."

The Treasurer's balance on hand Oct. 31, 1905, was the sum of \$9,726.70—exceeding balance same date last year \$8,675.05.

The Superintendent of the Asylum presents an admirable and exhaustive report of his administration for the year. Brother Hicks is surely the right man for that responsible office. In him a lofty, gentle Christian character becomes an invaluable benediction to the Institution.

Referring to the number of inmates of the Asylum, we find that, Nov. 1, 1905, the total was 135 girls, 181 boys—266

"Taking into consideration our inventories which are necessarily rather inaccurate, the per capita cost of maintaining each child twelve months seems to be about \$55 35. and of maintenance and education without deducting Singing Class receipts, approximately, \$37 70, above the earnings of the Institution and the donations in kind used."

The Grand Librarian reported that during 1905, he had received no other books than the regular exchanges.

The Grand Orator, to whom was accorded a rising vote of thanks, dilated upon the accustomed theme, in a well worded address of seven pages. He evidently favors the "eight hour rule" for labor.

The Masonic Temple Committee made a somewhat lengthy report in which the information was given that a site for the Temple had been purchased for \$36,000.00, and that it had been bringing in a rental of \$1,500.00. The committee had started with the view of building a structure to cost \$80,000.00, but the conclusion had been reached that, although funds enough to build such a Temple had been raised, it would not meet the requirements, and the committee was not willing to plunge the Grand Lodge into debt for a suitable structure, fire-proof and comporting with the dignity of the Grand Lodge. It was recommended that \$15,000.00 be subscribed by the Grand Body, and it was confidently predicted that the additional \$35,000.00 necessary to be raised, would be secured.

The report was received with approval in general terms, and recommitted with request to specify resolutions, and made a special order for "tomorrow" at 12 M.

Committee on Orphan Asylum made favorable report, which was adopted.

Grand Lodge adopted the brief but appropriate report on Necrology.

An excellent memorial and resolutions on the life and character of the late R. C. W.: Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Simpson, were adopted.

On recommendation of Special Committee on the Grand Master's suggestion of appointing D. D. G. M.'s, the four principal officers of Grand Lodge were authorized to carry the same into effect.

On favorable report by the Correspondence Committee, recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodges of Cuba and Puerto Rico.

The same committee recommended recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dis-
pensations, Charters were granted to six Lodges U. D.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decision of the Grand Master as to the right of a Lodge to try a sojourner for unmasonic conduct, notwithstanding his membership in another Lodge.

The committee also concurred with the Grand Master as to conflict between Sections 5 and 6, Art. X of the Code, but, instead of approving the Grand Master's recommendation that Sec. 6 be "done away with," approved a resolution harmonizing the two sections. Report of the committee adopted.

On recommendation of the Masonic Temple Committee the Special Order for 12 o'clock—consideration of its report on previous day—was taken up, and the recommendations of the committee were approved and adopted. The subscription of the Grand Lodge "to the stock of the Masonic Temple Construction Company," was increased from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 payable in annual installments of \$3,000.00 each. Other necessary steps were taken.

In North Carolina when a member applies to his Lodge for a dimit, if he states in his application, his purpose of joining — Lodge, his dimit is not perfected until he has been elected a member of the new Lodge.

We are wholly opposed to conditional dimits.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, is from the cultured and skilled pen of Brother John A. Collins Chairman of the Committee.

Two and a half pages of the printed report are fraternally and courteously given to Alabama-1904. He compliments Grand Master Robt. J. Redden by reproducing a good sized excerpt from his address. Brother Collins will please accept the writer's grateful acknowledgment of exceedingly kind personal reference. The dictates of modesty shall be heeded this time;

so we refrain from copying our Brother's very complimentary remarks.

Leaving unnoticed many passages of interest in this able report, we, in justice to Brother Collins, present a part of what he says in answer to Brother Hedges' inquiry, which ran as follows: "We would like to ask our Brother what becomes of the aged and destitute brethren and their widows in North Carolina? In some jurisdictions they are as numerous as orphans." To which Brother Collins replies:

"In the political division known as North Carolina there are very few rich men as that term is understood today, and not many very poor—none so poor as to go hungry. Some of our Lodges contribute to the relief of needy brethren and their families, and when the Lodge is unable to assume the whole expense, sister Lodges are asked to help, and they generally respond cheerfully. This local help of the Lodges, and the habit of our people to be self-reliant and to shrink from receiving alms, are the factors that have contributed in keeping the 'indigent worthy brother' out of sight in North Carolina. But with the changed conditions following the erection of a Home the majority of these unseen dependents would come out of the woods and present themselves for admission, obviously because Lodges and individual Masons would willingly transfer these to the care of Grand Lodge. The Homes for old men and women have ever impressed us with the belief that they are too costly to the benefactors and unsatisfactory to the beneficiaries. We firmly believe that the money expended in pay of officers and attendants, in maintenance and repairs and betterments, insurance and other expenses, would bring better results if judiciously disbursed to those old people at their homes. But we have no quarrel with those who believe in the institutional system, and have only feeling of admiration and respect for the goodness of heart and zeal which keep Brother Hedges in front of the line. To use a local phrase, we are 'sot in our ways' on this subject, and can see no better way."

How far soever apart we may be from Brother Collins' views of this subject, the foregoing is entitled to thoughtful consideration.

Bro. F. D. Winston, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.
Bro. John C. Drewry, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

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NORTH DAKOTA.

17TH ANNUAL—FARGO—JUNE, 1906.

This neat volume is embellished with photogravures.

Bro. Louis A. Jacobson, M. W. Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges 74—Lodges U. D. 4—Members 5,567—Net gain 323.

All the Grand Officers were in their places and a constitutional number of Lodges represented. Also eight Past Grand Masters were present and twenty-nine Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were at their posts of duty. Alabama, however, was not represented.

The M. W. Grand Master's address was a clear and concise exposition of his administration during the year past. His six decisions submitted were disposed of as follows: four were approved, one modified and one disapproved. The one disapproved was in answer to the following question:

"Question 6. Statement: The candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees while under bonds for trial for violating the prohibitory law, appeared in court and pleaded guilty to the offense; was given a suspended sentence, and his bonds released. Question—Is the Lodge now at liberty to receive his petition?"

"Answer—Yes. Being neither under indictment nor bonds for violation of the prohibitory law, the reception of his petition lies at the discretion of the Lodge."

"(Disapproved.)"

The Grand Master had issued an earnest appeal to the Lodges of the jurisdiction on behalf of our distressed California brethren. In response to that appeal, the contributions amounted to the handsome sum of \$1,385.00.

In his conclusion, words failed to express his gratitude to Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, for "innumerable acts of courtesy and kindness" and for "words of cheer."

The Grand Treasurer held the very handsome balance of \$11,218.42.

Grand Secretary Frank J. Thompson, made a very interesting and instructive report, notwithstanding that his lucubrations and disquisitions seem a little foreign to the duties of his office. Nevertheless, the report is very readable, replete with information and important suggestions.

This Grand Lodge has, in the person of Brother Clarence J.

Hall, a Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor combined. Bro. Hall appears to be doing yeoman service as such. At all events, he has the confidence and high appreciation of his Grand Lodge.

In disapproving the Grand Master's decision No. 6, the Committee on Jurisprudence said :

"We do not believe that one should be made a Mason over whom the courts of the State hold criminal jurisdiction by means of a suspended sentence. No one should be initiated, passed or raised while under indictment or sentence even though the sentence be suspended."

We respectfully concur.

It was resolved that the Grand Secretary should embody in the proceedings an article on Masonic Home.

Brother Thompson states, however, that preparation of such article would require two or three months for gathering material therefor; also that the article will appear later as a brochure.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was accorded fraternal recognition.

Committee on Fraternal Dead made fitting report, which was adopted.

A lengthy report of Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor continues under advisement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As is generally known, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota has limited the Correspondence Committee to a Digest of Approved Decisions; hence P. G. M. Bro. Robt. M. Carothers, said Committee, presents as his report said Digest. Rather dry reading, but Brother Carothers intersperses occasional comments on decisions, thus partially mollifying the dryness.

Bro. Grant S. Hager, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Frank J. Thompson, (P. G. M.) R. W. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Bro. Chas. R. Smith, M. W. Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges 65—U. D. 1—Members 4,417.

Frontispiece—portrait of Grand Master, Charles Reynolds Smith.

An Emergent Communication was held at Glace Bay, C. B.,

June 13, 1905, for the purpose of laying corner-stone of new Hall for Tyrian Youth Lodge No. 45.

The Fortieth Annual Communication was held at Sydney, C. B., June 14, 1905. Twenty Past Grand Officers—four of them Past Grand Masters—were reported as present, as were twenty-one Grand Representatives also.

The Grand Secretary reported that all of the Lodges, save one, had made returns and paid their dues; consequently were entitled to be represented at this meeting.

Before engaging in the business of the session, Grand Lodge marched in procession to Christ Church where "A most eloquent sermon was preached by R. W. Bro. Allan P. Shotford, M. A., Grand Chaplain." The Rev. speaker's subject was, "The Great Lights of Masonry."

A perusal of the Grand Master's Annual Address convinces the reader thereof that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia made no mistake in elevating him to the exalted position which he fills. An excellent spirit pervades all his conduct. He has the courage of his convictions. Devotion to the interests of our noble Craft controls all his actions. On a few points of opinion we may differ with him; nevertheless the affairs of the Fraternity administered by him, are in safe hands, because his sole aim is the good of Masonry.

The Grand Master made several rulings, a few of which we note. In one he "decided that the dedicatory ceremonies of a Lodge, or any part of them, could not be public, and also decided the same way as to the installation of officers."

Approved.

With the latter part of this ruling—as to installation of Lodge officers—we do not concur. There is nothing secret in the installation ceremony.

In a certain Lodge an investigating committee heard the evidence adduced, but refused to report. Grand Master ruled that said committee be discharged for this dereliction of duty, and another committee appointed with instruction to complete the investigation.

"Feb 17th, ruled that a member of Royal Standard Lodge No. 308 R. E., who dimitted when his regiment left this garrison, and after retiring from the service, returned to reside in Halifax, can, if he sees fit, affiliate with that Lodge, although no longer a soldier."

The Committee on the Address could not agree with the foregoing decision, it being the written or unwritten law which has prevailed in Royal Standard Lodge since its location in Halifax, that "no civilian shall be accepted by that Lodge, nor should any non-commissioned officer or man in the service be received in any Lodge in Nova Scotia."

March 29. Ruled that while it is desirable that every member present entitled to vote should vote at the election of officers, the fact of all present not having voted, does not invalidate the election."

With this ruling the committee could not agree; but, in our humble opinion the committee did not present any valid reason against said decision. We concur with the Grand Master. We quote two more of Grand Master Smith's decisions, as follows:

"March 11th. Ruled that a candidate who has lost finger of his right hand is not eligible for Freemasonry, neither is a candidate who is unable to read and write."

March 17th. Ruled that one known as a club-footed man and deformed, is ineligible as a candidate for Freemasonry."

Ah! well! This question of physical qualifications, like the ghost in the play, "will not down."

The Grand Master is a warm friend of the Home for Aged, Indigent Brethren.

He pays a high and well merited compliment to Grand Secretary Newell. His many visitations, it seems, brought him honor and the Lodges visited profit.

The Deputy Grand Master made a brief report.

The Grand Secretary's report is painstaking, thorough and complete.

The report of Committee on Estimates shows excess of income over expense balance of \$ 417.47

The Grand Treasurer's General Statement for year ending June 30th, shows cash on hand and receipts for the year to be \$ 1,171.47. After expending excess balance in his hands, June 9, there was the sum of \$ 1,171.47

The Directors of the Fund of Remembrance held balance in the Bank of Nova Scotia, having disbursed about \$85.00 in cheques.

The funds of the District Deputies' private fraternal and educational or the rest of three officers.

Some time ago, the Legislature was succeeded to the so called

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Grand Lodge of Queensland, but the application of Puerto Rico was referred to a Special Committee, to report thereon at next Annual.

On motion made and seconded, an annual *per-capita* tax of twenty-five cents was imposed on the several subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction for support of the Home for Aged and Indigent Masons.

The Honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master was conferred upon six brethren, in recognition of their valuable services the past two years.

Five Grand Representatives, who had received their credentials since last Annual, were introduced and received with Grand Honors.

Exemplification of the Work was deferred till next Annual.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Grand Secretary Thos. Mowbray, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a terse, conservative review of the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, covering 218 pages. Alabama-1904, received a courteous notice of nearly four pages. Bro. Mowbray says of Grand Master Robt. J. Redden's address :

"The Grand Master delivered an exceedingly interesting address comparing briefly the Grand Lodge of today with the Grand Lodge of eighty-four years ago."

Of the Grand Master's sixteen decisions rendered he says that "as they all contain interesting and valuable information, we give them in full." Then he reproduces them in the order of their numbers.

We thank him for kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

Brother Mowbray, the writer is not entitled to the designation "M. W.:"; therefore please drop the "M."

Our Brother in Nova Scotia is a good reviewer.

Bro. Charles Reynolds Smith, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas Mowbray, Grand Secretary.

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96TH ANNUAL—CINCINNATI—OCTOBER 1905.

Bro. Clifford G. Ballou, M.W. Grand Master.

Number of active Lodges 505—Number represented, 492.
Membership, 61,636—net gain 3,303.

Among the interesting incidents attending the opening of this Grand Communication we note as conspicuous, the presentation of a gold watch to that veteran Grand Officer and eminent Masonic reviewer, Past Grand Master Bro. W. M. Cunningham, a member of Grand Lodge for 50 consecutive years, with the eloquent address of presentation, concluding with an original poem in honor of our distinguished contemporary.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters, and two Past Deputy Grand Masters were in evidence at the opening.

In his able address, the Grand Master, after mentioning the substantial gains of Ohio membership of our Fraternity, said:

"Great improvement has been made in the meeting places of the Lodges, many beautiful temples have been dedicated to Masonry, and the moral standard of the fraternity has been elevated. The doors to our Lodges have been more carefully guarded. All have appreciated more thoroughly than ever the beauty and spirit of our noble Order."

Under head of Necrology, he tenderly announced the final departure of beloved Brethren. During the year eight hundred fifty of the Ohio Fraternity had died. This part of the address had been practically completed when tidings came of the death of Bro. Reuben C. Lemmon, P.G.M., P.G.H.P., P.G.G.H.P., who passed away Sept. 6, 1905, and the Grand Master promptly issued a memorial circular to all the Lodges respecting the sad event.

Later a committee reported on Brother Lemmon's demise, in fitting terms.

M.W. Bro. Ballou had appointed 25 Deputy Lecturers, and had assembled said Lecturers in a school of instruction and vespers lecture, Dec., 1904, preparatory to their work for the year, greatly to the advantage of both Lecturers and the Lodges.

During the year the Grand Master had granted ninety-one special dispensations, but had refused the same in three instances, viz., to elect and confer two or three degrees at one Communi-

nication—to solicit unwarranted financial aid—to certain brethren to form new Lodges under improper conditions.

He had traveled over 11,000 miles in the State on Masonic business, had received 2,793 letters and 69 telegrams; written 3,162 personal letters, and sent 74 telegrams, and freely used the long distance phones; had issued 16 proxies; constituted three Lodges; issued dispensations to form two Lodges; laid two corner-stones; dedicated four Temples, and made 34 Lodge visits and inspected their work; attended every annual meeting of Masonic Grand Bodies in the State, and conducted one funeral.

There had been 22 Special Communications of Grand Lodge during the year—six corner-stones had been laid, ten Temples dedicated, three new Lodges constituted, one new Lodge instituted, one communication for district lecturers held, and one funeral conducted.

The Grand Master submitted four decisions which, no doubt, conform to the laws of the Ohio Jurisdiction.

One of the four, the propriety of which no one, we apprehend, will dispute, is as follows:

"Held: That in the government of Subordinate Lodges where the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand and Subordinate Lodge do not cover the ground, ordinary parliamentary practice shall be adopted as a standard."

One of his two recommendations relates to the statutes in regard to concurrent jurisdiction, and suggests a change in the law to meet changed conditions. That one we pass, as not being of special interest to our readers in Alabama. The other recommendation suggests a change in the Ohio system of membership. Thus :

"If a Brother is in good enough standing, physically, financially, mentally, and morally to receive a Dimit from his Lodge, then he is just such a person as the Masonic Fraternity desires and should not lose under any circumstances. I would therefore suggest that our statutes be so changed that instead of requiring an applicant for membership to accompany said application by a Dimit, that he accompany it by a certificate of good standing from the Lodge under the seal, signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and not over sixty days old. With this certificate the receiving Lodge would be enabled to entertain his petition, and elect him to membership, if it so desires. After a successful ballot has been had on the candidate for membership and he has been declared elected, the Secretary of

the receiving Lodge, under seal of said Lodge, signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary should then ask the mother Lodge for the Brother's Dimit, and the moment that the Dimit is granted, which must be granted if the Brother is clear of the books, and in good standing according to our laws, membership in the mother Lodge ceases and in the receiving Lodge begins. By this arrangement the Brother would never find himself in the unfortunate position of being deprived of membership, when in reality he ought to retain it; and the Fraternity ought to have the benefit of his support."

In order to do full justice to our M. W. Brother, we will refer to the exciting cause of said recommendation. He first cited a case which, in substance, was as follows:

A member of a certain Lodge, in good standing and dues all paid, desirous of joining another Lodge, applied for a dimit and obtained it. He then applied to the other Lodge but was rejected. He subsequently made application to rejoin his mother Lodge but was also rejected by that Lodge; thus he became a non-affiliate.

That Brother's case was certainly a hard one. But we must, though with all due respect, dissent from Most Worthy Brother Ballou's view of the whole matter. Before the dimit was issued to the Brother in question, by his mother Lodge, even after the certificate of his good standing was given to him, he remained, beyond question a member of said Lodge, and so he would remain after his election by the second Lodge, in the event of a clean ballot, up to the time his old Lodge did dimit him; hence it cannot be successfully denied that between the time of his election by the second Lodge and the passing of a dimit by the first, he would be a member of both Lodges, and dual membership is not allowed by any of the jurisdictions in this country save perhaps one—Virginia. But apart from that matter, we maintain that a Brother in good standing and clear of the books is entitled to an unconditional dimit if he applies for it. Otherwise our Fraternity ceases to be the voluntary association we claim it to be.

On his visitations the Grand Master was everywhere "received with all the courtesies and manifestations of good fellowship that could possibly be bestowed."

But he singles out 29 Lodges by name and No that were especially kind and hospitable to him.

That was a notable occasion when the O. E. S. turned over to

the Grand Lodge for the exclusive use of the Masonic Home, "the splendid Hospital building which they had completed and thoroughly equipped from turret to foundation at a cost of \$18,523.48"—an absolutely free gift. All honor to those noble women.

The Grand Master bestowed unstinted and well-merited praise upon Grand Secretary J. H. Bromwell and the self-sacrificing and most efficient District Secretaries.

The Deputy Grand Master made report of his official acts during the year.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, October 5, 1905, was the sum of \$41,579.72.

In his businesslike report, Grand Secretary Bromwell says a comparison with last year's record "shows 36 fewer raised, 4 more affiliated, 37 more reinstated, 21 fewer died, 49 fewer withdrew, 74 fewer were suspended N. P. D., 7 fewer suspended for U. C., and 1 more expelled, than last year." He suggested the raising of a fund for the Centennial Celebration of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to occur three years hence, also, suggested the appointment of a committee to report a proper program, together with an estimate of the cost of carrying out the same.

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham presented his general report on Foreign Correspondence, and asked that it be printed with the proceedings. So ordered.

The Special Committee appointed to prepare a special tribute *in memoriam*, to the late Brother Reuben C. Lemmon, made report in fitting terms.

In the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home, M. W. Bro. Levi C. Goodale, Chairman of the Board, after acquainting the brethren with the fact that the Annual Statement of the Superintendent was placed at their service, said :

"We recognize that this is your trust. It is a large and growing one, and with more than sixty-one thousand stockholders each contributing, we realize the burden of responsibility resting upon us. Share it with us by acquainting yourselves with a knowledge of what is being done at the Masonic Home—a Home where the smile on the faces of the elder inmates is more grateful, the voices of the children more musical, the fragrance of its flowers sweeter, and the sunshine which envelopes its broad acres brighter to you than any other similar place on earth. It is your Home, my brethren, yours in trust for the coming generations, and for the good it can do."

In the Appendix to this volume appears said Annual Statement of the Superintendent of the Home, a paper full of interest to Ohio Masons.

The well-worded report of the Committee on Necrology was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the M.: W.: Grand Master's decisions, and the Grand Lodge adopted the same.

The Grand Master's official acts—dispensations granted, dispensations refused, Lodges constituted, Lodges organized U. D., &c., were all approved. His recommendation as to conditional dimit—certificate plan—was disagreed to.

On motion of the Committee on Charity a copy of the report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home was furnished to each member of the Grand Lodge. Also \$6,000.00 were donated to the general fund of the Masonic Home, and \$6,000.00 to the Educational Fund of the same.

A preamble and a resolution in pursuance of Grand Secretary Bromwell's suggestion in regard to a Centennial Celebration in 1908, were adopted.

The Committee on Conditional Dimit did not concur in the Grand Master's recommendation thereof, but offered an amendment to Sec. 25 of the Code, which, under the rules, five members seconding it, lies over till next Annual for action thereon. Here is the amendment proposed :

"Section 25. A member may, by consent of his Lodge, dimit, and until he again affiliates he voluntarily renounces all claim to the benefit of Lodge organization. Such member may at any time within three years, not having joined any other Lodge, return such Dimit to the Lodge granting it, and pay the annual dues since the date of such Dimit, and he shall thereupon, if no charges have been preferred against him, be reinstated as a member of such Lodge without ballot."

We have no objection to the foregoing in place of the recommendation of the Grand Master on the same subject; but will not pursue the matter any further at this time.

The committee to which was referred the action of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina at the Masonic Congress held at Geneva in 1902; in admitting therein clandestine Masons; and further in holding fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, made a report, covering eight and one-half pages, upon the subject submitted, and offered the two following resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That the explanation of the Council of Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina and its disavowal of any intent to harbor or recognize irregular or clandestine Masons is, in our estimation, ample."

"*Resolved*, That we are in sympathy with the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina in its efforts towards an intelligent understanding and exchange of Masonic information and the promotion of truly Masonic ideals, and that we heartily congratulate it upon the work it has already accomplished in this direction."

After some discussion, the report was concurred in and the resolutions were adopted.

In regard to the enterprise begun under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Alpina (Swiss), we cannot with our limited vision discover any real necessity for American Jurisdictions to take stock in the same.

As to their recognition of clandestine Masons, we are frank enough to say that we attach no more blame to the Grand Lodge Alpina than to the other Bodies there represented. They were all to be blamed. Surely they knew of the existence of clandestine Organizations in this country; they also knew our real Grand Lodges, and should have scrutinized the credentials of all strangers closely.

We cannot quite agree with our Ohio Brethren in this matter.

A Special committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the S. Stackler Williams monument fund.

To notice everything in this volume would make our paper entirely too long.

Next Grand Annual will be held in Columbus, Ohio, October 17th, 1906.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master, Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham, again submits his annual report on Foreign Correspondence, in the present instance occupying 376 pages, and reviewing the proceedings of 65 English speaking Grand Lodges and 16 non English speaking Grand Bodies.

His introduction, which takes up about nineteen pages of printed matter, is an exceedingly valuable contribution to the book-shelves of the Masonic student. In this introductory treatise he presents "The Charges of a Freemason" "[Reprinted from the version published in 1730, by Bro. John Pennell, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland]"—The York Grand

Lodge—Freemasonry and Lord Chas Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, great grandson of Thomas Sackville, Grand Master of Masons in 1561, under the Grand Lodge of York—The Early History of Freemasonry in America—Correspondence with the eminent Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, with Bro. William J. Hughan and Bro. R. F. Gould, both of England—Symbolism—The Symbolism of Numbers—Physical Perfection, &c. This monogram of Bro. Cunningham's furnishes much food for thought.

Ever dignified and courteous in his reviewing of Proceedings, he accords to every one all that he thinks is due; at the same time, if his own position is assailed, he is prompt and ready to ward off any blows delivered, and to unmistakably show his conviction that his own attitude is correct. *e. g.*—Note, under British Columbia, his reply to Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, and under Illinois, to Bro. Robbins.

Brother Cunningham's paper is a full and complete summary of the proceedings reviewed.

Alabama-1904, receives a fraternal notice filling three of his printed pages. It is very gratifying to the writer to find himself in agreement with Brother Cunningham upon so many points of opinion. He strongly supports our contention concerning the wearing of the apron in the three degrees. At the same time he does not agree with us about that flag-display business. We wish we had space for several excerpts from this instructive report, bowing our respectful acknowledgment of his kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

We close with compliments on the excellent typographical execution of this volume, which, by the way, is embellished with portraits of Grand Master Ballou and the late Past Grand Master Reuben C. Lemmon.

Bro. Lewis P. Schaus, M. W. Grand Master.
Bro. J. H. Bromwell, R. W. Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

14TH ANNUAL—GUTHRIE—FEBRUARY 1906.

Bro. George H. Phillips, M. W. Grand Master.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 141; members, 6,777; net gain, 837.

Portrait—Grand Master Geo. H. Phillips.

A Special Communication was held July 13, 1905, at Shawnee, O. T., to lay corner-stone of City Hall. Another Special Communication was authorized by special dispensation of the Grand Master to R. W. S. G. W. Bro Fred. D. Sparks for the purpose of laying corner-stone of new school house at Tan-kawa, Nov. 13, 1905.

Five Past Grand Masters attended the opening of the Annual Grand Communication.

The exordium of the Grand Master's address was quite optimistic. He reports sixteen new Lodges constituted, and fourteen dispensations issued for the formation of Lodges U. D., five corner-stones laid, four dispensations refused for good reasons, and twenty-seven special dispensations granted for various purposes, among these several being for waiving time in conferring the degrees upon parties who would be absent from the Territory an indefinite time.

Something of a novelty transpires in this address, mention of a suit against Grand Lodge. In the District Court at Stillwater a judgment had been rendered against it for something over \$1,305.00, in a case growing out of the Enid Bank failure. The claim he did not consider just, but, on recommendation of the attorneys in the case, he had been preparing to make payment of the sum in question, when he received advice from Stillwater counseling him to resist payment thereof; therefore he had determined to fight it. A brief was prepared and sent to the Judge, who desired both parties to the suit to file briefs, on a motion for a new trial of the cause, for his decision. We sincerely trust that the Grand Lodge will come out the winner, for according to our recollection, the cause of the Grand Lodge is just.

The Grand Master reported 76 decisions, which were referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage. We cannot too highly commend the brevity of his answers to questions propounded, making the decisions, "Yes" or "No," or explained in a line or two.

The Law Committee recommended disapproval of decision No. 18, and modification of decisions Nos. 35 and 69; hence we infer that the Committee approved the 73 other decisions.

As to decision 18, the question had been asked what the Lodge

should do when the W. M. had permanently left Oklahoma and had not resigned.

"Answer. The office is vacant by virtue of the officer having permanently removed from the jurisdiction."

Decision No. 35 was elicited by the following:

"July 20: A party petitioned Snyder Lodge and was elected. He went away for more than six months, returned and was initiated, then went to Oklahoma City. Snyder Lodge gave waiver of jurisdiction to Oklahoma City Lodge No. 3, and without taking any degrees at Oklahoma City, the brother moved back to Snyder. Oklahoma City was willing to give Snyder waiver. Snyder Lodge wants to know what to do in the case."

"Answer. I directed them to get waiver from Oklahoma City, and ordered Snyder Lodge to 'heal' the brother in the first degree and spread the ballot on advancement."

The Committee amended by adding after the words "Oklahoma City" the following:

"And ordered Snyder Lodge to require the candidate to repeat Snyder Lodge, which petition shall be accompanied by the usual fee, and if the ballot is clear to heal the brethren (brother) in the first degree." Report adopted

So in that instance, if the ballot is clear, Snyder Lodge gets double price for the E. A. deg. ee, which is wrong in principle. Decision 69 was brought out by the following:

"Mr. Griggsby took the first and second degrees ten years ago, in Texas. He now wants us to confer the third degree. What shall we do?"

"Answer. You will have to get a waiver of jurisdiction from his home Lodge in Texas. Then he will petition your Lodge for the third degree. The petition must take the usual course."

The Committee amended by transposing the first two sentences of said answer. Obviously. Adopted.

All the dispensations and special dispensations, as well as refusals of such, were approved. The entire report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted.

The final report of the Committee on Law and Usage related principally to division of the Jurisdiction into three districts, each having a Trustee, to whom each Subordinate Lodge Committee on Masonic Home Fund shall report. Needful arrangements were made for the security of funds raised for a Home, through such agency. Our Oklahoma brethren are evidently in

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earnest in their efforts to establish a Home for their destitute and needy.

Very instructive addresses were delivered by visiting Brothers, P. G. M. M. W.: Henry M. Furman, and Grand Master R. W. Choate, of Indian Territory, on the subject of a Masonic Home.

This notice of the Oklahoma Proceedings is very imperfect, of necessity. We'll try to do better, next time.

Next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Guthrie.

At a suitable juncture, the Committee on Work exemplified with an actual candidate of Guthrie Lodge No. 8, the work of the Master Mason Degree.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W.: Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, Bro. J. S. Hunt, again furnishes an excellent report on Correspondence covering nearly 200 pages.

Brother Hunt is broad-minded and conservative.

Alabama—1904 receives fraternal attention in three pages of print. Of the opening sentences of Grand Master Robt. J. Redden's address, he says:

"The introduction of the Grand Master's address is so applicable to all Grand Jurisdictions and too good for our Alabama brethren to have all to themselves, and so we pass it on to our Oklahoma brethren."

Thereupon he makes an extended quotation of the same.

The writer appreciates, and is grateful for kind reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence. Thanks for the correction of our mistake as to initials of Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Bro. Fred. D. Sparks, M. W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. S. Hunt, R. W.: Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

55TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1905.

Bro. Thos. Gray, M. W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 107—all making returns save one lodge, U. D. just started. Members 7,322. Net gain, 342.
When the Committee on Credentials reported it was found

that, besides the Grand Officers and a quorum of representative of Lodges, there were 18 Past Grand Masters and Representatives of 31 Grand Jurisdictions present. (vacancy for Alabama.)

The Grand Master began his address by saying:

"We meet again to-day to renew those bonds of friendship and love for which the annual communications of our Grand Lodge affords us such an excellent opportunity, and it affords me pleasure to bring you tidings of prosperity and harmony throughout our Grand Jurisdiction."

"If accessions to our fraternity are indications of prosperity, then indeed are we prosperous, for the increase in membership in the past year is without parallel in the history of our fraternity in Oregon. But most of us have learned by sad experience that increase of membership is not always an indication of prosperity. There appears to be too often an enormous idea prevalent among a large number of our brethren that Masonry should count itself successful by what measure of popularity it can achieve. Such an idea is subversive of the true intent of our institution. While it exists we are raising a temple whose foundations are built upon sand. One of the most pressing needs of Free Masonry in this Jurisdiction is a due appreciation of its dignity and high importance. Each brother should hold his membership in the fraternity as a sacred and valued trust and should be taught steadfastly to resist the introduction of those to our mysteries, whom he has reason to believe will not appreciate the true principles of Free Masonry."

Earnest and timely words are these.

By proxy, he had constituted three Lodges. The Grand Master had issued quite a number of dispensations for various purposes, notably three for the organization of new Lodges; two corner stones had been laid; two Lodge halls dedicated, and two Lodges consolidated. Under the head of Decisions, the Grand Master said:

"The only response which might possibly be classed as a decision was one in reply to the question as to whether a Mason, who is a member of a Lodge in New York, and engaged in keeping a saloon in Oregon, would, if he should die, be entitled to a Masonic funeral."

"To this my reply was as follows: 'That Masonic burial should here be denied any Master Mason holding membership in any other Jurisdiction, who at the time of his death was engaged in an occupation prohibited to Masons by our penal code; notwithstanding the restriction does not exist in the Grand Lodge from which he hails.'" Without doubt, correct.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the very comfortable sum of \$17,856.17.

The Grand Secretary reported that all Lodges (except one Lodge U. D. just started) had made annual reports and paid dues.

According to the report of the Trustees of the Educational Fund, that fund had attained the dimensions of \$99,324 75.

"Bro. J. M. Hodson, Committee on Correspondence, presented his report which, being printed and distributed, was adopted and ordered bound with the proceedings."

The address of the Grand Orator (a little over three pages) treats of the integrity of Masonry and of the connection between Operative and Speculative Masons

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended adoption of the resolution limiting jurisdiction over rejected material to the period of five years.—Adopted.

On recommendation of the same committee (Jurisprudence) the decision of the Grand Master, denying Masonic burial to a liquor dealer in the jurisdiction of Oregon, said saloonist having been prior to his decease a member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction, regardless of whether or not the laws of said other jurisdiction prohibited the liquor traffic, was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a charter was granted to Maple Lodge U. D.

The Jurisprudence Committee did not believe that Lodge visitors should be required to produce written documents as evidence of good standing and recommended that no legislation looking thereto be enacted.

Several short reports by the Grievance and Appeals Committee, were adopted.

On recommendation of the Law Committee, the case of the impostor, Selim Eben Hassan, who pretended to hail from Rising Sun Lodge (1401), of Kobe, Japan, and King Chapter No. 1, Hongkong, China, was summarily disposed of.

The Trustees of the Educational Fund, to whom the matter of erecting a Masonic Temple at Portland had been referred, reported that the finances of Grand Lodge were not in such condition as would warrant the immediate building of such Temple; at the same time, however, they recommended that as soon as possible, Grand Lodge acquire a suitable site for such structure. The report was adopted.

The Association of Past Grand Masters held its annual meet-

ing, June 14th, and Grand Master, Thos. Gray, and Past Grand Master John McCracken, were introduced, obligated and invested with the essentials of the Association; then, after routine business transacted, the Association had dinner.

CORRFSPONDENCE.

Of course the report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Past Grand Master John M. Hodson, and of course again, it is a thoroughly good one. Brother Hodson has no superior as a Masonic correspondent.

His review of Alabama is of the administration of M. W. Grand Master Robert J. Redden, of whose address he says that it "demonstrated that he had been industrious and capable in responsible station." Thus he makes an extract from the opening of said address:

Quoting the two decisions on physical qualifications he says:

"So fingers and thumbs are matters of Masonic consequence in Alabama. Moral: Join the Masons before you lose them, else go to Missouri."

Some of our Brethren of the Guild will have their fling at the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Well, there is a saying which runs thus: "He laughs best who laughs last."

Brother Hodson, in his comment on the writer's defense of the Alabama law, that restorations by the Grand Lodge of a suspended or expelled Mason, only restores to the right of a non-affiliated Mason, puts his case as strongly as it can well be put, but he will pardon us for intimating that the opinion on that matter expressed by us, remains unshaken. It needs not that we repeat the argument here.

We had desired to know if there was proof positive that Grand Masters existed prior to 1717, whereupon Bro. Hodson courteously replies as follows:

"We think that would depend on what would be considered 'proof positive.' If it would require acknowledged consecutive records pertaining to the matter, we would very promptly reply, no, at least so far as our readings have extended. However, we consider circumstantial evidence and conditions which are known to have existed as sufficient to establish beyond doubt, at least in our mind, that there were chief executive officers exercising the functions of Grand Masters centuries before 1717. If Numa Pompilius organized the College of Builders 715 years B. C., he was the guiding spirit and exercised not only the an-

thority of a political ruler, but that of a Grand Master Architect, shaping and controlling the labors of the colleges. If Edwin, under the authority of King Athelstane, congregated the Masons of England and opened the Grand Lodge of York in 926 A. D.; if Sir Christopher Wren, the government officer who had charge of the Lodges at the re-building of London after the great fire, and who completed St. Paul's Cathedral, who presided over and directed the labors of the Guilds of Lodges in their general meetings, and who exercised all the functions of a Grand Master, are to be considered, then we would answer, Yes. And we further acknowledge our belief in the fact that it would have been impossible to erect many of the ancient structures that yet remain for our admiration without not only Master, but Grand Master minds to direct."

"We are fully aware that our Masonic traditions, rituals and lectures are the subject of criticism, doubt, denial and ridicule. We have even heard it positively denied that Solomon ever built a Temple, and, as we were not there to see it, of course we could only affirm, upon the grounds of reasonable probability, based upon Hebrew history and tradition."

Brother Hodson has our thanks for his kind and fraternal consideration of the question thrown out by the writer.

He says:

"Bro. Titcomb hits Colorado decision a pretty hard jolt. It had decided that although a saloon-keeper was not eligible, the man who owned and rented the building for saloon purposes, was eligible." Then he extracts the writer's criticism of said decision.

He concludes his report on Alabama with the following:

"There are a lot of good things we would enjoy clipping and endorsing, but space will not permit a longer stay with this pleasant and able reviewer."

Thanks dear Brother, your good opinion is highly esteemed. On the subject of Mexican Masonry, Brother Hodson thinks "it well enough to permit the Mexican development to continue development for many years to come before complete affiliation is granted" he says:

"The time may come, but we confess to a sort of barren feeling, whenever we think of them from a Masonic standpoint."

We are with you, dear Brother, in the opinion as to form of title of Grand Officers; as we have said heretofore, there are in every Grand Lodge two Grand Wardens—one the Senior Grand Warden, the other the Junior Grand Warden.

We like the tone of the following:

"We are not favorable to perpetual jurisdiction, but we do favor respecting those who are."

It goes without saying, that Brother Hodson is sound on the subject of "Temperance Legislation."

Bro. Hodson's view as to the question, who may open Lodge and preside, in the absence of Master and Senior Warden, is undoubtedly correct. He says:

"The Junior Warden certainly had the right to open and preside, and after he has congregated the Lodge by sounding the gavel in the East, he has the right to delegate any duty to the performance by any member present, provided he remains in the Lodge as the responsible authority."

Bro. Hodson and the writer are in accord on the subject of admitting Roman Catholics to membership in the Lodge.

We do not agree that the corner-stone of a church may be laid on Sunday. Under Maine, "Saturday is better."

Our Brother is "all right" as to manner of wearing the apron.

In Oregon, unfavorable report dispenses with the ballot. Personally, Bro. Hodson would not have it thus, but "it is so writ in the law."

We like what Bro H says on the subject of stage effects—scenic displays in Lodge work — He thinks "we do not need any more "General Grands" in this country."

We could fill pages and pages of instructive matter extracted from this valuable report, but, alas! &c.

Hence we shall conclude by correcting a false impression made, on Bro. Hodson's mind, by the improper wording of the printed copy of a reference to the writer by Bro. Perkins of Vermont. Bro. Hodson quoting Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, says: "Under Alabama, he says:

"Personally, Bro. Titcomb does not sustain his Grand Lodge in its declaration that a person, who cannot read or write, is ineligible to the degrees, and is also more inclined to a liberal construction of the regulation ament physical qualifications, for which in our belief he is to be commended. May his influence prevail in securing a more enlightened position by his Grand Lodge on both questions."

Upon the foregoing thus comments Bro. Hodson:

" "Enlightened position" is good. We think Alabama is about

right on the question of physical qualification, sufficient to comply with the reception and communication of the work, being all that is required; and we think him exactly right as regards an ignoramus who can neither read nor write. Such material cannot add either wisdom, strength or beauty to the "enlightened position" long occupied by the fraternity."

The word "ineligible" in the Vermont extract should read, eligible. The p. d. sometimes makes sad havoc in putting a writer's thoughts into print. It is, or ought to be well known that we have heretofore expressed the decided opinion that an "ignoramus who can neither read nor write" is unfit material for our Mystic edifice. We entertain no doubt that Brother Hodson will do us justice in this matter.

We are glad to note elsewhere that he thinks the perfect youth theory should only apply to profanes seeking admission into the Lodge. The number of jurisdictions reviewed is 58.

The Association of Past Grand Masters has 20 members.

Bro. W. H. Flanagan, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Jas. F. Robinson, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

56TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE 1906.

Bro. Wm. H. Flanagan, M.: W.: Grand Master, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume.

Number of Lodges 109—Number making returns 108—Members in good standing 7,689—Net gain 355.

As per report of Committee on Credentials at this session of Grand Lodge, the full corps of Grand Officers, nineteen Past Grand Masters, and 27 Grand Representatives were present, with a constitutional number of members. (Alabama was not represented. Turning to the list of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Oregon, we find the space opposite "Alabama" vacant). Those Representatives present were received and welcomed in the customary manner.

Within the space of six pages of printed matter, the Grand Master in his address included all topics demanding attention at his hands. He made tender reference to the death of the venerable Brother, Gustaf Wilson, who had been Grand Tyler for

thirty years. He recommended that suitable pages be set apart in the Proceedings to the memory of the Fraternal Dead.

He had, on receipt of the intelligence of the earthquake and disastrous fire at San Francisco, in April last, wired the Grand Master of California to draw upon the Grand Treasurer of Oregon for \$500.00 for immediate relief of sufferers, and to advise him if more funds were needed. No further call had yet been made.

The Grand Master had made quite a number of visitations, and had been everywhere cordially received.

He had constituted one Lodge and installed its officers. He had granted dispensations to organize two Lodges U. D., but had refused several, not deeming himself justified in granting those requests therefor.

He had, by proxy, laid the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Amity, Oregon.

He had filed with the Grand Secretary full and detailed statements of special dispensations for various purposes, for reference to the proper committees.

The existing system of having the Work promulgated by three Custodians—their work not being uniform, had proved a failure, and he recommended that the Custodians be dispensed with and that a committee be appointed to formulate a work to be the standard work in Oregon, and that means be taken to introduce the same by cipher or a Grand Lecturer, or by such other means as might seem best. He further recommended that Grand Lodge take some action in regard to providing those desiring to visit Lodges, with documentary evidence of good standing in their own Lodges.

He submitted no decisions, having answered all questions for rulings, by reference to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Washington, then in session.

Bro. J. M. Hodson's report on Correspondence, being printed and distributed, was adopted and ordered bound with the proceedings.

Special Committees of five were appointed on the following subjects, viz: "Uniformity of Work," "California Disaster," "Records of Subordinate Lodges."

June 13, 1906, the Grand Treasurer had on hand the following balance, \$19,053.24.

The total disbursements by the Custodian of the Educational Fund were \$3,595.92, leaving as balance on hand \$1,218.65.

Bro. J. M. Hodson, Secretary of Trustees of Educational Fund had received from the Custodian of the Educational Fund for purchase of grounds for Masonic Temple, bonds amounting to \$22,500.00 bearing interest at 6 per cent.

From the businesslike report of Grand Secretary Robinson it is learned that all Lodges had made reports and paid dues. Also that the contributions for the benefit of our Brethren in California reached the sum of \$2,100.00.

The address of the Grand Orator—Masonry his theme—was short, (a little more than two pages of solid print) but impressive.

Grand Lodge expended \$1,565.22 for Masonic headquarters at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

The report of the Trustees of the Educational Fund makes it plain that they are the right sort to look after the welfare of orphan children and the interests of Grand Lodge as well. The assets in their hands, consisting of stock, real estate, bonds and amount of cash already named, amount to \$184,718.65.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made a very short report, which, nevertheless, filled the requirements, and was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a charter was granted to one Lodge U. D.

On recommendation of the same committee the cases of two petitions for dispensation to open and conduct Lodges, were disposed of by denial of one and reference of the other to the incoming Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Committee (Special) on the San Francisco Disaster, the Grand Master's remittance of \$500.00 was approved; profoundest sympathy for the California brethren was expressed, and the Grand Lodge was pledged to furnish to the extent of its ability, further aid when the Grand Lodge of California should know what further help was needed. (We omitted, we believe, to state when noticing the Grand Master's address, that Grand Master Flint of California, after the receipt of the \$500.00, had advised withholding, for the time, further remittances).

The Special Committee on Uniformity of Work, recommended reference of the whole subject to a committee of seven which

should include two Past Grand Masters, to report at the next Annual.

Adopted.

The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence endorsed the requirement of "documentary evidence" to be shown by brethren desiring to pay visits to Lodges.

Adopted.

On recommendation of the same committee, the services of the three Custodians of the Work were dispensed with.

That "Pleasant Episode—*'A Rose Among the Thorns'*"—"Receipt of Committee from the O. E. S." reminds us of our youthful days: (Italics ours).

"Who plucks the rose, the thorns must feel,
Of this was Adam's fall the seal."

Justice to the Grand Lodge of Oregon demands the statement that Grand Lodge was at refreshment when said Committee, O. E. S. was received. Admitting the fact that said order is not Masonry, still one may freely express his admiration and respect for those noble women who have done, and are doing so much to alleviate distress and uplift humanity.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master J. M. Hodson again presents us with one of his bright, crisp and forceful reports on Foreign Correspondence, it being a 190 page review of the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Bodies—one for two years. His report, as he himself says of Bro. Lamberton's, in Pennsylvania, "is filled and overflowing with good things."

He gives Alabama—1905, a little over three pages of his valuable space, courteously summarizing our proceedings judiciously. He says the Grand Master's address covers fully the executive doings for the year, and that he "had been up against nearly every phase of Masonic affairs."

He says:

"In a large and important Grand Lodge, such as this, there are a multitude of interests coming up for adjustment in its regular routine, and we have noted with pleasure the care extended to the detail, no matter how small it was, attended to, and nothing left for criticism or even further comment."

For the two pages accorded the writer, Brother Hodson will please accept our heartfelt acknowledgments.

He, however, rubs our fur against the nap, in commenting on the writer's opinion that reversal of a decision of a subordinate Lodge by Grand Lodge, restores to good standing only, but not to membership. He says:

"Perfect harmony is good; in fact the basis of the highest success, but along with perfect harmony should go 'perfect justice,' even though perfect harmony were somewhat disturbed; besides perfect harmony is not so desirable after all, in case it is engaged in doing wrong; a band of reprobates might be perfectly harmonious among themselves, and yet merit a whole lot of perfect justice; besides, if one knows he is right, it is the part of the most self-respecting brother to maintain his rights in a proper fraternal spirit, and he can soon convert the others to the right and then he has established both harmony and justice."

Very good in theory, but of very doubtful efficiency in practice. After all we respectfully and fraternally contend that our position is the right one.

He agrees with the writer, under Arizona, that alcoholic beverages should be excluded from Masonic banquets.

He quotes the following expression of the writer's under California, on the subject of political methods in the Lodge: It should be held the duty of all—the rank and file as well as the highest officials, to unite and shake the life out of this *political monster* that has insinuated its slimy form into the sacred precincts of the Lodge, and pertinently adds:

"We have seen it scotched several times, but somehow its tail would wiggle the next election. It's a sly reptile, possessing more lives than a cat."

He "goes for" Bro. Shaver of Kansas, and Bro. Knepper of Idaho, and the writer because we had contended "that Freemasonry is not a religion, but a 'science of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols,' and is a true handmaid of religion," proceeding to "trim" us in the following fashion:

"Now, brethren, let us examine the above carefully and see if you are not mistaken. The Apostle says: 'Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father, is to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world.'"

(Brother, you quoted from memory or didn't wipe your glasses. (James 1:27—Ox. Ed.)—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and

widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.") Brother H. proceeds:

"Masonry, true Masonry, does just that, and further contributes to their necessities. We think the Apostle James knew what he was talking about and gave a correct definition to the greatest principle existing. He did not have in view the petty creeds professed by the churches, but he went to the center of the merits of the question and brought forth in the most concise words, just exactly the truth; this "handmaid" business always makes us weary."—Very well put, but—

Dear Brother, lie down and rest your "weary" self. All the same, "handmaid" will do for ordinary run of people like the writer.

Our M. W. Brother does the writer the honor to quote with approval the concluding thoughts in the Alabama report.

Viewing the passages we have marked, in Brother Hodson's report, for notice, we are dismayed at thought of the space requisite for copy of the same.

We are with our Brother in his preference for "clothing" instead of "regalia." Before Lodge is opened, how would it sound for the W. M. to say: "Brethren, be regaled" instead of "Brethren, be clothed?"

Some weak Brother might construe the injunction into an intimation that he could regale himself at the nearest saloon.

We have elsewhere noted the opinion, quoted from Brother Hodson from the Penn Proc. that Grand Masters in Alabama should command not "recommend" purchase of Manual; so will not repeat.

Under Nebraska he agrees with Bro. Phelps "that Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the Supreme Masonic Law of the Jurisdiction."

We respectfully dissent. We would have some check even upon Grand Lodge. We refer proposed amendments to the organic law, back to the Lodges; if the requisite number of Lodges approve the change, Grand Lodge can act upon the same. We object to excessive centralization of power.

We must leave much valuable matter in this report unnoticed, only adding the following under North Carolina:

"He (Bro. Collins) seems to doubt the propriety of granting

authority for new Lodges, to from seven to eleven, saying, under Alabama, where twelve of that kind have just been started." "These newly made Lodges seem to have but small promise of vitality or usefulness, and it is probable that the three Lodges allowed to be 're-organized,' and the seven 'to continue work' sprang from just such puny ancestry." Whereupon Brother Hodson shies at him the following solid chunk of patent fact:

"We think that depends on the quality first of the seven to eleven, and secondly, plenty or scarcity of good material. One of the best Lodges we were ever acquainted with only had eight petitioners, but having plenty of good material, in three years had a membership of over 50 and a thoroughly good Lodge."

Yours truly, Brother Hodson.

We wish we had space for some of our Brother's able discussions, as well as for his instructive conclusions.

Bro. W. T. Williamson, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Jas. F. Robinson, R. W. Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

PENNSYLVANIA.

Bro. James W. Brown, R. W. Grand Master.

As always, the Pennsylvania volume of Proceedings comes to our table in excellent shape, both as to its make-up and as to its typographical execution.

In reviewing this volume, we begin with the following, taken from the Grand Secretary's summary, on p. 174:

Number of Lodges at close of year 1905, 456—Membership, 75,277—Net gain 4,028 during the year, exceeding the net gain of the year immediately preceding by 485.

We have before us the Proceedings of the March, June, September and December Quarterlies, and the Annual Grand Communication, December 27, 1905.

Of the March, June and September Quarterlies, which had representation of Lodges, as follows: March 149 Lodges, June 135, September 132, the records do not specially claim our attention, 384 Lodges were represented at the December Quarterly Communication. We find no difficulty in accounting for this difference in attendance, for at the last named Communication, the reports of the Trustees of the great Charity Funds and Bequests; of the Finance, Temple and other important Committees, are made, and last but by no means least in the general estima-

tion, at this meeting occurs, as prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon, the election of Grand Officers to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27th.

Accordingly the election of Grand Officers was held, resulting in the elevation of Bro. Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., to the position of R. W. Grand Master (Bro. James W. Brown having declined re-election), and a choice of the other Grand Officers.

At this Communication the Committee on Appeals, in reporting one case, made a display of "dirty linen," although it suppressed names of parties in interest; nevertheless it would, doubtless, be wise to omit, from the published report, details of gross immorality. The reason therefore is obvious.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund, the Girard Bequest, the Thomas Singleton Bequest, and the C. J. McClary Memorial Funds foot up \$345,781.10. The Grand Lodge property, including said Funds, goes up into the millions. Cash in hand amounted to \$37,557.07.

At the Annual, Dec. 27th, the Committee on Correspondence submitted its annual report, "which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to print."

On recommendation of the same Committee, the application of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was not granted, while recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Brother Lamberton, suppose that in a given territory, there are—say—20 Lodges, and five or six of them set up a claim to jurisdiction over the whole territory without the consent of the other fifteen Lodges, should that claim be recognized as valid? For our part, we would say—not according to the International Agreement last June, that if two thirds of said Lodges joined in the movement, but when a majority of those Lodges united in the movement, "we would bid them God speed."

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund reported that they had received and favorably acted upon 510 applications for the year 1905, the applicants hailing from 14 different jurisdictions. The amount dispensed aggregated \$5,195—all but \$5 00 of their cash in hand, the interest on the Fund. One case was from Alabama.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund had given to 127 applicants (poor and respectable brethren), \$2,540.00.

The Bursars of the Patton Memorial Charity Fund had dispensed to 367 applicants, \$2,993 00.

From the report of the Committee on Library, we learn that there in the Library nearly 11,000 volumes (bound and unbound). The number of visitors during the year was 24,897—2,476 more than during the year 1904.

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The address of the retiring Grand Master, Jas. W. Brown, is a very able exposition of his administration, and so plain that "he who runs may read."

In course of his opening remarks, he said:

"With no inducements to offer and no solicitations to any, our Craft grows with great rapidity; our Lodges increase in membership from the wisest, most prominent and best men of our Commonwealth. They grow in material prosperity, and are yearly dispensing more charity and help to the desolate orphans and widows of our unfortunate Brethren."

Referring to the reduction of the Grand Lodge's bonded indebtedness, he says:

"Our debt is now less than \$200,000 00—it was \$1,800,000.00—a wonderful testimony to our growth and prosperity.

Bis thirty-eight decisions recited, conform, no doubt, to the laws of his Jurisdiction, and evince steadfast purpose to maintain, so far as in him lies, the dignity and purity of the fraternity.

We extract a few of his rulings, as follows:

"An unaffiliated Brother Master Mason in good standing may apply to any Lodge for membership. The certificate issued by the Lodge from which he withdrew must accompany his petition."

"No Lodge may rent its rooms to the Order of the Eastern Star. That organization is not recognized by this Grand Lodge."

"No lecture or address of any character may be delivered to a Lodge without submission first to the Grand Master and his approval obtained."

"A Lodge in this jurisdiction can not confer any degrees upon one approved, or who has received any portion of the degrees in another jurisdiction. (Ahiman Rezon)."

"One with two thumbs on one hand is disqualified."

"One with a club foot is disqualified."

"Declined to approve a petition for a warrant of a Lodge in which the English Language would not be spoken."

"No dues should be charged to a Brother after his suspension and until his admission as a member."

Good!

Dispensations had been issued to Lodges to hold special elections in case of vacancy in office of Treasurer or Secretary.

Three corner-stones had been laid, and eight new Lodges had been constituted; and a number of informal visitations had been made.

An appropriation had been made for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birthday.

The Grand Master-elect, Bro. Geo. W. Kendrick delivered an address which was both forceful and eloquent

We shall extract from it only a plain statement, which every Grand Master should "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest." It is the following:

"From a study of the reports of my predecessors in office, and from my own examinations, I am of the opinion that the Grand Master or his representative should visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction at least once a year."

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The report of the Committee on Correspondence prepared by its chairman, Bro. James M. Lamberton, is a review of sixty-five "Proceedings," covering two hundred forty-two pages. In respect of literary quality, it is a "diamond of the first water." Its comments and expressions of opinion are of marked force, and full of sustained interest, "from Dan to Beersheba."

To Alabama—1904 the reviewer graciously gives four pages of his really valuable space, one full page being accorded to the writer. Brother Lamberton says of Grand Master Robt. J. Redden's address:

"The address of the Grand Master, like his former one, is a practical paper, giving, after an interesting introduction, a detailed account of the work of the year, which was one of activity."

He says:

"It would seem that the following edict should be recalled, as nothing was done to six Lodges which failed to make report as required."

Then quotes our edict requiring Lodges to take action on proposed amendments to the Constitution, or other matters requiring Lodge action. He thinks Grand Lodge should "command," not "urge" or "recommend" that Lodges provide themselves with the Masonic Code.

The writer takes courage from Brother Lamberton's agreement with him on so many points of opinion, and our Brother may rest assured that his good opinion is highly valued by us.

Pennsylvania doesn't even "wink" at ciphers, Good.

A doubt had been expressed as to whether the Temple in Philadelphia was the only building in America devoted exclusively to Masonic uses." Brother Lamberton says:

"We are firmly convinced that that statement was for a long time the exact truth, but we should be glad to be informed as to other buildings 'exclusively devoted to Masonic uses.'"

We can speak for one other building—the Masonic Temple at Montgomery, Ala., which is "exclusively devoted to Masonic uses" from turret to foundation stone.

We certainly agree with our Brother and some others, that, in Masonry, there is no *higher* Body than the Grand Lodge.

He intimates, for information, that "in Pennsylvania the Grand Master is THE GRAND MASTER, and that his decisions are not submitted to, or reviewed by any Masonic jurists or the Grand Lodge."

Under Colorado he quotes the special report of the Committee on Correspondence, in regard to the Alabama proposition to make Franklin's birthday a Masonic Day for the Fraternity, but having given that matter attention elsewhere, we pass it here.

The antiquity of use of "the letter G," in Lodge, is discussed, and the fact is revealed that "as early as 1742 the letter 'G' was so used, it appearing in a cut in the (London) *Westminster Journal* for May 8, 1742."

We omit much, very much matter in this review desirable for quotation in order to give our readers Bro. Lamberton's quotation of Bro. Aldro Jenks' interesting discussion of the difference between the "York Rite" and the "Scottish Rite" as follows:

"Under Oregon, the following is of interest:"

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"In his review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, Bro. Hodson contends that the practice and teachings of the York Rite and the Scottish Rite are the same. We are not in a position to speak authoritatively on this subject, as we have not taken the Scottish Rite Degrees. As the Scottish Rite exists in the United States, we have no hostility to it whatever. Such study as we have been able to make of the subject leads us to altogether different conclusions as to the similarity of the two rites. York Rite Masonry is thoroughly democratic. It has no privileged classes by which one set of brethren dominates over the lower grades. It interferes with neither a man's politics nor his religion. But outside of the United States and England these Scottish Rite bodies exist largely as a protest against the Catholic ("Roman Catholic") Church and are frequently made the rallying point for political intrigues. In the York Rite the brethren meet upon the level, each brother having a common voice in conducting the affairs of the Order. In the Scottish Rite a hierarchy is formed, each superior degree directing without appeal those below it, the higher class ruling all the others. Among the dogmas of this rite, is that no one can be tried for his conduct by those of the lower grades; that any member has the right anywhere and at any time to confer the secrets of Masonry upon whomsoever he sees fit—a right which many Grand Lodges deny to their Grand Masters. It is also part of their doctrine that the most inconsequential thirty-second degree Mason outranks the Grand Master of the most important Jurisdiction in the world; that the brethren of the lower grades have no right to control their own finances and that those of the higher grades are not answerable in the Symbolic Lodges for their conduct. How Bro. Hodson can contend that the teachings of the two Rites are similar, we cannot understand. If our Brother will read from Volume 3 of Gould's History of Free Masonry, pages 346, 347, 348, American edition, he will find our authority for the statements we have just made concerning the doctrines of the Scottish Rite."

The writer, not having taken the Scottish Rite Degrees, has copied the foregoing, with the hope of being enlightened respecting the facts in the case. Incidentally he would remark that he entertains the greatest respect for the opinions of Bro. Robert Freke Gould.

Reluctantly he leaves Brother Lamberton's instructive review to take up other volumes of proceedings which await his attention.

Bro. George W. Kendrick, R. C. W. C. Grand Master.
Bro. William A. Linn, R. C. W. C. Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

31ST ANNUAL—CHARLOTTETOWN—JUNE, 1906.

Bro. Chas. H. S. Stern, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 14; Members, 635—gain, 27.

At this Grand Communication there were present, with the Grand Officers and a quorum of Lodge representatives, eight Past Grand Masters and twelve other Past Grand Officers; also Representatives of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

The Grand Master's Address dealt in a plain straightforward manner with all subjects demanding his attention. He feelingly referred to the San Francisco disaster.

He had granted seven dispensations, six of which were to permit the conferring of degrees in less time than that prescribed by law.

His thirteen official visitations revealed the fact that the Lodges generally were in good condition, and benefitted the Brethren by bringing them into closer touch with their official head.

His recommendations were of local importance only.

The Deputy Grand Master submitted a report of his visits during the year, stating the gradual increase of members; he thought the "primal requisite now" was "the general infusion of young blood."

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was \$135.68.

The Grand Secretary reported for the year, 60 Initiations; 60 Passings; 47 Raisings; 8 Affiliations; 4 Reinstatements; 24 Dimissions; 2 Suspensions N. P. D., and 6 deaths.

The Charity and Benevolent Fund amounted to \$185.30.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

All the business of Grand Lodge was conducted with dignity and courtesy.

Bro. W. K. Rogers, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Neil MacKelvie, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

36TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—JANUARY, 1906.

Bro David Ames Manson, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 57—Membership 5,000—Net increase 288.

Grand Lodge assembled on the 31st day of January, 1906, with fifty-six Lodges represented—fourteen of the fifteen Grand Officers in their places—six Past Grand Masters and thirty-nine other Past Grand Officers, and Representatives of thirty six other Grand Lodges being also present, Alabama's included.

The first page of this volume, so excellent in its typographical execution, presents the portrait (two-thirds full length) of Grand Secretary Will H. Whyte, whose face indicates dignity of demeanor and earnestness of character. Well, Bro. Whyte, since you desire it (so we presume), we'll "let up" on our compliments right here.

The Grand Master's address evinces a becoming modesty, and at the same time highly intelligent grasp of the duties pertaining to his office. In his exordium he said :

"Our Empire is at peace with the world, and harmony prevails within our borders. Our own fair Dominion is enjoying a period of unprecedented development. Prosperity crowns the efforts of all classes. Hopefulness and contentment are common to our people. Responsive to these conditions our time-honored institution is rapidly developing strength and becoming more and more a power for good in the land."

He reported two Lodges instituted, and applications for two more received. Under "Official Acts," he reported five dispensations to wear regalia at Lodge Socials or "At Home"—three to reballot for candidates within time limit; four, to confer the Master Mason Degree within the time limit; three to install officers at other than the prescribed time; one, to confer the F. C. Degree on six candidates at one meeting, and one to permit a Lodge to accept a candidate minus two fingers, he being able to comply with all the ceremonies.

He reported a single ruling which gave two answers to as many questions :

1st Answer—"The text of any proposed alterations of By-Laws must be inserted, not in abridged form, but at full length, in the summons."

2d Answer—"That, if, for any reason, the subject be not taken into consideration at the meeting specified in the summons, or

if first proceedings were found to be irregular, it cannot be taken into consideration at a subsequent meeting without summons again be issued to that effect."

He recommended that Digest of Approved Decisions, now in part compiled, be completed.

He referred to California's abolition of the custom of exchanging Grand Representatives, without comment thereon.

The Grand Master had made a number of visitations all of which were, doubtless, very profitable to the brethren. At those visits the social feature was by no means omitted. That was well. We should cultivate more the social side of Masonry.

We note that on St. John's Night, Dec. 27th, he attended a most elaborate banquet enlivened by fine music. The assemblage consisted largely of distinguished Brethren. Agreeable to previous understanding, he, accompanied by eminent Brethren, left at an early hour and made a tour of visitation among the city Lodges, and at 3 o'clock A. M., had visited three Lodges other than the one where the banquet took place (Ah! dear Brother, you should have been in bed long ere the hour of three).

Under the heading of "New Grand Lodge" he said:

"We have pleasure in welcoming to the sisterhood of Canadian Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Alberta, which was duly organized and its officers installed, on the 12th day of October, by M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This jurisdiction was formerly a part of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but upon the formation of the Territory into a Province of the Dominion, the 18 Lodges therein formed themselves, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, into a self-governing Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master, concluding his address, pays a high compliment to Grand Secretary Whyte and other Grand Officers.

The Grand Secretary was justly elated by his ability to report that he had received returns from all the Lodges, and that the dues and fees, including the Permanent Benevolent Fund, had all been paid.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on deposit in bank was \$5,080.67.

R. W. Bro. The Rev. T. Stannish Boyle, District Grand Chaplain of the Montreal District, delivered a scholarly and very impressive discourse on the relations of the Mason to T. G. A. O. T. U. and to his fellow men. The hearty thanks of Grand

Lodge were tendered to Brother Boyle, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to print said address with the proceedings.

The several detailed reports of the District Deputies were received, read and referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry.

M.W. Bro. Chambers' annual review of sister Grand Lodges was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

It being deemed conducive to the best interests of Masonry that formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of England, be consummated, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to enter into fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England with a view to said consummation.

It is noted in the report of the Committee on Finance that said Committee recommended that the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Benevolent Fund. And it was accordingly so done.

On recommendation of the same committee the sum of \$350.00 was appropriated towards procuring the testimonial voted at the last session to be presented to the Grand Treasurer in recognition of his faithful services as such for the last 25 years.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that since last session no matter of controversy had been placed before it.

The Committee on State of Masonry made a comprehensive report which was, on the whole, very satisfactory. True, there were "a few Lodges where conditions were not so favorable as they might be, nor as encouraging as a few zealous members among them would wish." The committee recommended that when official reports of D.D.'s show unsatisfactory conditions, said reports be handed to the incoming District Deputy for his guidance. The Deputies are highly commended for their zeal and earnestness. Report adopted.

We pass "Ross vs. Cross" as of special interest to insiders only.

The recommendations of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, granting to beneficiaries, mostly widows, sums aggregating \$440.00, were received and adopted.

The Grand Master's official acts were approved, and his able administration heartily commended.

California's action, doing away with Grand Representatives, was regretted.

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Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers presents his 17th Annual Report, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it is not too much to say that, as a Masonic reviewer, he has no superior. In his introduction, appears the following paragraph, which, we are confident, will interest our readers:

"Last year we were able to report a remarkable increase in the membership of the different North American Grand Lodges. The net increase, which in 1902 was 3.68 per cent., and 4.36 in 1903, jumped in 1904 to 5.26. Even this large increase was exceeded last year, when the increase was 5.80. The total membership of the North American Grand Lodges jumped, during the year, over the million mark. For 1904, the figures given were 989,176. For 1905 a membership of 1,062,425. How is it possible to over estimate the influence for good which may be exerted by a million good men and true, bound together by the sacred ties of Brotherhood, and pledged, each to the other, in mutual aid and support, to promote the principles of morality and Brotherly Love, and to a living and practical faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Did space admit, we should gladly reproduce his able discussion of the claims of the Swiss Grand Lodge (Alpina) to consideration. Of Alabama, 1905, he says:

"Two years ago the total membership of the Lodges in Alabama was 14,340, while the figures for 1905 show a grand total of 16,667;—a magnificent showing and one upon which we warmly congratulate our Southern Brethren. We know but too well from both Masonic and other experience that numbers do not always spell prosperity and strength. But we are also aware from many years' reading of the addresses of Grand Masters, of Committees, and above all from the perusal of the splendid Foreign Correspondence reports of Bro. William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee, that quality more than quantity is the desideratum of the Alabama Lodge"

In the course of his remarks concerning the address of M. W. Grand Master H. H. Matthews, he said:

"He rendered quite a number of interesting decisions, among others deciding that a Lodge cannot enquire into the cause of an application for a dimit, and that a Brother is not disqualified for the office of Worshipful Master of his Lodge because he is a citizen of a foreign country. In connection with this latter decision we may mention the fact that the Grand Lodge of Quebec

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was quite proud to have had for one of its Grand Masters an eminent Brother who was and still is a citizen of New York State."

In the writer's opinion—personal, he justly criticizes the decision in respect of persons who cannot read and write.

Nearly a page is generously given the writer. Commendation from the gifted reviewer, on the St. Lawrence, is gratefully appreciated. But it is better than we deserve.

There is a great deal in this report which we would like to furnish to our readers—but time is up. (And space too for that matter.)

Bro. David A. Manson, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.

Bro. Will. H. Whyte, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND.

(District Grand Lodge, Freemasons of England.)

Regular meeting, Brisbane, March 7, 1908.

Bro. W.'. Alfred J. Stephenson, D. D. G. M. in the Chair.

At this meeting the agreement entered into by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, was given due attention in the report of the Board of General Purposes. The friction in case of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was also referred to, as also intimation that said Grand Lodge had been misinformed as to the facts. The trouble with the Cambrian Lodge of Australia seems to have been adjusted by said Lodge having passed resolutions calculated to wipe away any misunderstanding.

Considerable attention was given to the affair of the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Grand Master Remington's explanatory notes do not appear to have satisfied the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England take up a considerable portion of the text of this pamphlet.

Our Brethren of Queensland sustain their high reputation for charitable work. The receipts for the Fund for Benevolence for 1905 amounted to \$1,692.84. Like the mother Grand Lodge, they are systematic in their charity.

Bro. Alfred John Stephenson, W.'. D. D. G. M.

Bro. H. Courtenay Luck, W.'. District Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

115TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MAY, 1905.

Bro. Joseph W. Freeman, R.'. W.'. Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Number of Lodges at last report 6,091, present number 6,429, making net gain 328. (We confess to being mystified by two columns in "Tabular Statement," p. 132, since one column gives "Whole No. of Members" as 6,429, while the other gives "Whole No. of Masons" as 6,286. Bro. Williams' report solves the problem for us, 6,286 *Master Masons*. Net gain is reported as 193.)

A fine portrait, likeness of James E. Tillinghast, Grand Master-1904, embellishes the first page of this volume. At the Semi-Annual, Nov. 21, 1904, resolutions of condolence, on account of the sickness of the Grand Master, were adopted, and were conveyed to Grand Master Tillinghast, and strong hopes of his recovery were entertained; but within three short months thereafter his spirit winged its flight from its earthly tenement, and Grand Lodge was plunged into the depths of grief at its great loss.

At the same Communication the report of the Commissioners of Trials, on one case, "was received, accepted and ordered to be recorded." Also the report of Committee on Grand Officers' Reports made report on the address of M.'. W.'. Grand Master W. H. Walker, delivered to Grand Lodge May 18, 1904, and endorsed Grand Master Walker's recommendation "that when the By Laws of a Lodge do not specify the time at which a Regular Communication shall be held, they be so amended as to name the hour, or else that in such case every member of the Lodge shall be notified of the date and hour of every communication of the Lodge."

The committee also approved the Grand Master's strictures on the misuse of the black ball.

On recommendation of the same committee, the W. M. of a certain Lodge, who had disobeyed certain requirements of the Grand Master, was suspended for six months.

An Emergent Communication was held February 3, 1905, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late M.'. W.'. Grand Master James Elisha Tillinghast. We note that Alabama's Rep-

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representative, Past Grand Master Fred. G. Stiles, was present on that sad occasion.

At the 115th Annual, the Acting Grand Master, R. C. W.: Deputy Grand Master Bro. Joseph W. Freeman delivered an address that marks him as a faithful custodian of the interests of the Craft, and a zealous vindicator of its laws.

Among the Acting Grand Master's rulings, all of which commend themselves to our judgment, was one which was elicited by the following question:

"Some eight years ago a profane made application and received a clear ballot, but failed to present himself for initiation. Now he wants to receive the degrees. Is it necessary to take another ballot, as though he had never before applied? I am unable to find anything in the Constitution regarding the same. It is therefore my opinion it is not necessary and the Lodge can proceed to confer the degrees if no objection is made."

The Grand Master's answer was as follows:

"I replied that, while it was true that the Constitution of Grand Lodge did not specifically forbid such action, in my opinion it would be wrong, and directed him to take no action unless the person should make new application in proper form, when the Lodge might proceed to act upon it in the regular way."

He recommendrd that Grand Lodge make a general regulation covering such cases. Which it did do.

The Grand Master pays Grand Secretary S. Penrose Williams a high compliment for his kind and most efficient aid rendered during the year.

The reports of the District Deputies for the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts are placed on record, and are of a satisfactory character.

The Grand Lecturer had held two meetings with the District Deputies, but, owing to serious illness in his family, had visited but few Lodges.

From the Grand Secretary's report it is learned that all the Lodges but one had sent in their returns.

May 10, 1903, the Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was \$358 13. Total assets of Grand Lodge, as per report of Finance Committee, are \$46,423.60.

On recommendation of last named committee the salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at \$750.00 per annum, payable quarterly. The Grand Treasurer is to receive \$25.00 a year.

Fitting memorials on the late M.: W.: James Elisha Tilling-nast and R.: W.: George Frederick Keene were read, accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

A picture of the Webb Monument in Providence appears in this volume. The shaft is plain, save that it seems to have three sections; on the visible faces of the middle section appear a carved cross and a carved triangle. It is very neat in its simplicity.

R.: W.: Bro. Henry W. Rugg made a very brief report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, intimating that several papers—communications from foreign bodies—had been received, but that these did not require action on the part of Grand Lodge. The application of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico would be reported on at next semi-annual.

On recommendation of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, the Grand Master's official acts and rulings were approved.

No annual review of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, Representatives of 27 Grand Lodges were present.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations maintains its high standard of business-like procedure. But it would be a distinct pleasure to see more of R.: W.: Brothier, The Rev. Henry W. Rugg's cultivated and elevating effusions.

Bro. Joseph Wood Freeman, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. W. Penrose Williams, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

For year ending April 18, 1906.

Bro. His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel Way, Past P. C., D. C. L., L. L. D., Lieut. Gov., Chief Justice of S. A., &c., &c., M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. H. Cunningham, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

Chartered Lodges 44; members 2,799, net gain 66.

Total worth of Grand Lodge funds, \$109,704.30.

Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1905, cash, \$1,825.08.

Amount paid, out of benevolent fund, to brethren and widows \$966.24. Grants to charitable institutions \$123.80.

We note that among the Grand Representatives present Bro. G. L. Young, P. M. appeared for Alabama.

The usual amount of routine business was transacted. The Board of General Purposes referred to the English, Irish and Scotch conference held in London, to secure joint action on certain matters, adopting three resolutions to that effect, and disposed of the same with the remark: "The advisability of adopting some such resolutions may be considered on some future occasion."

The Grand Lecturer had during the year delivered lectures at six Lodges, whose names appear in these proceedings.

The Grand Inspector of Lodges was of the opinion that the country Lodges, in respect of their work and devotion to the principles of Masonry, would bear favorable comparison with some of our (their) "city Lodges."

The Permanent Benevolent Fund stood, December 31, 1905, \$4,784.08.

Our Brethren in South Australia pursue business methods in their transactions, and give to charity that prominence to which it is entitled.

Bro. Sir Samuel Way, re-elected, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. J. H. Cunningham, re-elected, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

120TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—DECEMBER, 1905.

Bro. R. Bellinger, M.: W.: Grand Master.

This volume is a very neat piece of work, in its typographical execution.

Chartered Lodges (our count) 203, Lodges U. D. 2. Total membership 8,638; net gain over last year 751.

Two special communications were held during the year—one at Orangeburg, to lay corner stone of a school house, the other at Chester, to lay the corner-stone of a Confederate monument.

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The usual amount of routine business was transacted. The Board of General Purposes referred to the English, Irish and Scotch conference held in London, to secure joint action on certain matters, adopting three resolutions to that effect, and disposed of the same with the remark: "The advisability of adopting some such resolutions may be considered on some future occasion."

The Grand Lecturer had during the year delivered lectures at six Lodges, whose names appear in these proceedings.

The Grand Inspector of Lodges was of the opinion that the country Lodges, in respect of their work and devotion to the principles of Masonry, would bear favorable comparison with some of our (their) "city Lodges."

The Permanent Benevolent Fund stood, December 31, 1905, \$4,784.08.

Our Brethren in South Australia pursue business methods in their transactions, and give to charity that prominence to which it is entitled.

Bro. Sir Samuel Way, re-elected, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. J. H. Cunningham, re-elected, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.**120TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—DECEMBER, 1905.**

Bro. R. Bellinger, M.: W.: Grand Master.

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"Be it Resolved. That a committee, consisting of the incoming Grand Master and four members to be appointed by him, be charged with the duty of investigating this subject, and that this committee report its conclusions and recommendations to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge."

The several reports of the District Deputies make, on the whole, an excellent showing for condition of the Craft. We note that in the report from the First District there appears a case in which the same Master Mason is claimed by a Georgia Lodge and by a Lodge in South Carolina. The matter having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, that committee, instead of discussing the question on its merits, suggested that the two Grand Masters, Bros. Harrison and Meyerhardt, have the subject left to them for settlement. Briefly, this is the case referred to: A party was initiated in Social Lodge No. 1, Augusta, Ga., moved permanently to South Carolina, to jurisdiction of Landmark Lodge, Charleston. Social Lodge requested Landmark to confer on him the remaining degrees. This Landmark Lodge did, and remitted the respective fees to the Georgia Lodge. Immediately after having been raised, the brother applied to "Landmark" for affiliation, and was admitted to membership. At the end of the year Social Lodge demanded from this brother his annual dues, and the controversy arose.

In some jurisdictions, we believe, a new-made M. M. does not become a member of the Lodge until he signs the By-Laws; in others he immediately becomes a member.

We trust our good Brethren will speedily and amicably adjust the difference in question. If the brother had, after being raised, asked Social Lodge for a dimit, there would have ensued no trouble.

In consequence of the ill health of Grand Secretary of the Conference Committee, Charles Inglesby, there was no report on Foreign Correspondence, and an Assistant Grand Secretary was appointed to carry on the work of Secretary, and an excellent appointment was that, it being the placing the office of Grand Secretary in the hands of M.: W.: Jacob T. Barron.

The prayer for restoration of Brother Inglesby to health was universal wherever he was known.

On the state of the Craft, the Grand Master said:

"During all my thirty years experience as a Mason I have never known Masonry to be in a more prosperous condition, or

working upon a higher plane. From every quarter of the State the same report comes to me. The old Lodges are growing in membership and in financial strength, and new ones are being formed. Better still, the new members are composed of the finest and most intellectual members of their several communities—men who are honored and respected by their fellows, and therefore must be of benefit to Masonry, and to whom Masonry must do good. Brethren, I believe that the hand of the Almighty is with us; that He is guiding and directing us, and I pray that the influence of the Holy Spirit may always abide with us, and direct, strengthen, confirm and assist us in all that is good and noble and true. Thus influenced, Masonry will continue to grow, and spread its benign influences wider and wider over the earth, until we realize in its fullest extent the truth of the universal brotherhood of mankind and the Fatherhood of God."

Words fitly spoken.

The Grand Treasurer reported on hand balance, *stock and interest*, to Jan 1, 1906, \$2,893.11.

The Hall Committee, after statement of receipts and expenditures, reported a net gain of \$1,113.12.

M. W. Bro. Jacob T. Barron made report as "Assistant Grand Secretary," and his report is characterized by the same care and accuracy which distinguished the discharge of every duty devolving upon him.

An excellent memorial on the death of Past Grand Master B. J. Witherspoon appears in these proceedings.

A Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed, hence we may look for a report next year, at *Charleston*.

At the close of the record of proceedings we find announcement of the death of Grand Secretary Charles Inglesby, March, 1906. Truly a noble man rests from his labors.)

Bro. Frank E. Harrison, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Jacob T. Barron (P. G. M.) R. W. Grand Lecturer.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

32D ANNUAL—SIOUX FALLS—JUNE, 1906.

Bro. Edgar D. Brookman, M. W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 108. Total membership 6,836, net gain 883.

This well executed volume is adorned with a portrait of Grand master Brookman, a view of the Temple and Library at Sioux Falls, and with a picture of the scene where the first session of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was held (in the Baptist

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church, Vermilion, S. D.,); also a view of the house where the preliminary convention was held.

We are glad to note that when Grand Lodge was opened, our Representative, Brother Albert F. Milligan, was present, together with the Representatives of 27 other Grand Lodges.

It will not be amiss, we trust, to state here that on October 10, 1905, an Emergent Communication had been held at Sioux Falls, to lay the corner-stone of the handsome Masonic Temple and Library. The address of Past Grand Master Ivan W. Goodner on that occasion was most appropriate and replete with information.

We must not omit to record the presence of twelve Past Grand Masters at the Annual Communication. It's a good sign when those who have received the highest honor in the gift of the Craft do not cease to meet with their brethren and work for the good of Masonry.

We regret to say again that our report must be a hurried one--a "touch and go" sort of review.

The Grand Master's address is a thoughtful paper, replete with good suggestions. In his opening remarks he said:

"Masonry stands for the divine principles of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and it is to the benign and enlightening influence of these principles that humanity has reached its present position of honor and happiness. Fraternity and co-operation are to be the watchwords of the future, and the beneficent principle of brotherly love exemplified in the Masonic Order is to find a wider application in the years to come in human society than ever before. At the beginning of the twentieth century we are beginning to realize that selfishness and contention are destructive not only to individual character but to social progress, and the great truth for which Masonry stands, the principle of fraternity and brotherhood, upon which alone humanity can safely build for future progress that shall be at once stable and enduring, is becoming the corner-stone of both individual and social life."

He made feeling reference to the San Francisco disaster, and alluded to the generous contributions of the South Dakota Lodges, and also of individual brethren of the Jurisdiction.

From the Grand Master's address it is also learned that the bi-centennial of Benjamin Franklin's birthday was generally observed by the Lodges all over the jurisdiction.

In concluding his appeal in that behalf, he said:

"The beautiful and comprehensive prayer which he" (Frank

(in) "formulated for himself for daily use, may very fitly be adopted by every true Mason."

Here is the prayer:

"O, Bountiful Goodness! O, Bountiful Father! O, Merciful God! Increase in me that wisdom which discovers my truest interest. Strengthen my resolutions to perform what that wisdom dictates. Accept my kind office to Thy other children as the only return in my power for Thy continued blessing to me."

From the same address it is found that five new Lodges had been organized, three Lodges constituted, and that one cornerstone had been laid and one Lodge dedicated. Also, that the Grand Lecturer had made sixty-three visitations during the year.

All, save one, of the Grand Master's decisions were approved, at the instance of the Jurisprudence Committee. The one not concurred in was as follows:

When an expelled member is reinstated, "*Held*, That it would not be well to give all the obligations at one time, as some member of the Lodge, not present, might object to his advancement."

On that ruling, thus the committee:

"Referring to the decision of the M.: W.: Grand Master relative to the question of the restoration of an expelled member, your committee is of the opinion that after the petition has taken the regular course provided by our By Laws, and the expelled member has been balloted on and reinstated, he should be re-obligated in the three degrees at one time."

Among all his dispensations granted only two were permissions to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions for the degrees.

The Grand Secretary, in his excellent report, informs us that all the subordinate Lodges had sent in their reports within the time prescribed by the By-Laws, and (for which he was very thankful) "the larger number were greatly improved in appearance."

The Grand Treasurer's balances cash in hand were: General Fund \$6,272.27; Grand Charity Fund \$2,178 73. Grand total in all funds \$8,450.99.

The evening session of the First Day was an occasion long to be remembered--the dedication of the splendid Masonic Temple at Sioux Falls. The exercises included a short, but very inter-

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esting, address on "Reminiscences," by Past Grand Master Thos H. Brown; an address on "Our Masonic Genealogy," by Brother Sam'l A. Brown, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence—an exceedingly interesting historical address, accompanied by a map (outline) of the United States, showing all the States whose Masonry emanated from North Carolina. This was followed by an impressive discourse by Brother the Rev. M. F. Montgomery, Grand Orator.

In the course of his address Brother Sam'l A. Brown stated that "in 1813 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was formed of eight North Carolina Lodges; in 1821 that of Missouri was formed of three Tennessee Lodges; in 1844 that of Iowa was formed of four Missouri Lodges, and in 1875 our (his) Grand Lodge was formed of five Iowa Lodges."

To this statement we desire to append the fact that in June, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was organized by nine Lodges, which held their warrants as follows: one under the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, one under the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, five under the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, one under the Grand Lodge of Georgia and one under the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the first Grand Master being Bro. Thomas W. Farrar, and the first Grand Secretary being Brother Thomas A. Rogers.

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That a mere glance is all that can be given to Brother Samuel A. Brown's admirable report on Correspondence. "'Tis true 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true;" for there is much food for thought contained in its pages.

Alabama-1905 is given truly kind and brotherly attention.

Dear Brother, we are not without hope that our own Grand Lodge will yet put up the bars agains applicants unacquainted with at least two of the three R.'s."

The writer greatly appreciates Brother Brown's agreement with him as to the resolution respecting dues to Grand Lodge on account of accrued dues paid the Lodge when a brother suspended N. P. D. is reinstated. It is hardly needful to explain that the prime motive which instigated said resolution sprung from a desire on the writer's part to have Grand Lodge view the charging of dues during suspension N. P. D. as he himself did—and does—regard as egregiously unjust. At all events we

heartily thank Brother Brown for his cordial endorsement of our view of that matter.

Our Brother will, we are satisfied, pardon us for leaving so much of the South Dakota record of proceedings unnoticed, since this paper had to be prepared in haste.

Brother Brown explains the apparent inconsistency of the Dakota laws respecting liquor dealers. His explanation, if we clearly understand it, brings us pretty close together in opinion concerning the subject.

As to Queensland, we thank him for correcting our misapprehension of his remark. We (Bro. B. and the writer) are not so far apart as regards Queensland as might be suggested. He says:

"We believe that the brethren engaged in the movement to establish that Grand Lodge are regular Masons, and that individually they may with propriety be received as visitors, or affiliated as members, but we do not think they have established a recognizable Grand Lodge. They are well known, both individually and collectively, to the Masons of the State of Queensland, and the burden is upon them to show, in their new organization, such an attractive kind of Masonry as shall draw support to them at home. Outside opposition will not, in our opinion, injure their prospects if they exemplify the principles of Masonry within. Until their success has reached such proportions as to insure their permanency as a Grand Lodge it would seem that it was doing no wrong for distant Grand Lodges to defer action."

Let them do that, and secure the adhesion of a majority of the Lodges—even a majority of the Masons—in the State of Queensland, and we will heartily welcome them into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges; but we do not believe it right for a small minority to assume sovereignty over a large majority without the consent of the latter.

There are lots of good things in this report we wish to notice but we reluctantly say good-by to Brother Brown for the present.

The Masonic Veterans' Association had a glad reunion.

Bro. Robert H. McCaughey, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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Bro. The Hon. C. E. Davies, M. L. C., P. G. W., E. C.,
M. C. W.: Grand Master.

We note that at this Communication 56 apologies for non-attendance were received—six of these from Grand Officers.

In his address the Grand Master said:

' Since our Annual Communication there is every reason to renew our congratulations of previous meetings upon the continued welfare and prosperity attending our institution in Tasmania. On all sides we have gratifying reports of increasing numbers and further enthusiasm in connection with Masonic work in the several Lodges * * * * The hospitality which has been extended to us during our terms throughout the State, and locally has certainly been most gratifying, and the expressions of loyalty and welcome extended to me as your Grand Master are not likely to be readily forgotten.

"The various reports that have been submitted to you, of course, only progress ones, but all testify not only to the continued welfare of the Grand Lodge, but also to the growing importance of our Benevolent Fund."

Under the head 'Suggested Alteration in Voting,' item No. 5, on the Agenda paper, 'consideration of the advisability or otherwise of enabling members of Grand Lodge who are not able to attend the Annual Communication to forward their votes for election of Grand Officers, by post,' was taken into consideration, and after some discussion the matter was referred to the Board of General Purposes with a request that they obtain the views of members of Grand Lodge throughout the jurisdiction, and if the majority be found to favor a change of the present practice that the board take the necessary steps for amendments of the constitution at next annual. On motion this disposition of the question was unanimously agreed upon. Such practice has obtained in Switzerland for the last five years.

The investments of the Benevolent Fund were more than \$10,000.00

For information of the Brethren "Reports from the Grand Lodge of Scotland," touching the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland were read.

If what was alleged in these reports from the Foreign and Colonial Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is substantiated, viz: that the Grand Master of New South Wales went

from Sydney to Brisbane and assisted in installing as officers of the Queensland body suspended members of the E. C. and S C., of which suspensions his Grand Lodge had prior notification then the N. S. W. Grand Master committed a grave violation of the comity between his Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

The Foreign and Colonial Committee had recommended to Grand Lodge of Scotland severance of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

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15TH ANNUAL—HOBART—FEBRUARY, 1906.

Bro. The Hon. C. E. Davies, M. L. C., M. W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 29—17 represented. Number of members not given.

The assets of Grand Lodge are \$12,000.00. Liabilities "nil." Amount of Benevolent Fund \$2,666 88.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was short, including, among some matters of local interest, recommendation that the system of voting on elective Grand Officers be raised so as to allow all members in good standing to vote, by post, for men of their choice. The plan was approved.

The report of the Board of Benevolence evinces faithful, efficient work on the part of the Board.

The reports of the Inspectors of Lodges shows highly satisfactory results of their inspections.

Bro. Grand Master, R. J. Sadler, in his report, said:

"The different Lodges at their installation ceremonies are responding most liberally to the appeal you made to assist the Benevolent Fund."

The Grand Secretary reported that the work of his office, though considerably increased, had been kept well in hand, and that at this time nothing was in arrears.

Among proceedings of other Grand Lodges received, we note that Alabama's is included.

The address of the Grand Master was eminently able and practical, concluding with a recital of Brother Rudyard Kipling's poem, "If We Only Understood,"

The Grand Orator's address was a homily, in the concrete, on the freedom and duty of Craftsmen.

A reprint of W.: Bro. C. A. Cowper's lecture on "The Object of Freemasonry," before Tasmania Union Lodge No 3, E. C., finishes the pamphlet before us. Bro. Cowper would, in a word, define the object as "the strengthening of the will to do right."

Bro. Hon. C. E. Davies, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. R. J. Sadler, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

Bro. John Hamilton, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

92D ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1906.

Bro. James W. Irwin, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Lodges on rolls 431; members 20,120, net gain 700.

The attractive features of Bro. Root. Burrow, Grand Master elect, grace the first page of this neat volume.

418 Lodges were represented at the Grand Communication under review. Of Past Grand Masters present there were the goodly number of 18.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, a signet ring was presented to the M.: W.: Body in eloquent terms. The ring is to be worn by each Grand Master, and at the end of his term of service transmitted to his successor in office.

The Grand Master's address shows that M.: W.: officer to have been a most faithful and energetic administrator of Grand Lodge affairs.

He had made eighty official visitations, traveling more than 5,000 miles in so doing. By proxy had laid six corner-stones, and in person had laid four. Four dispensations had been granted for forming new Lodges—seventeen for Lodge removals and thirty for electing and installing officers.

He had refused ten dispensations, six of which were to confer degrees out of time. He had consecrated, dedicated and constituted three Lodges.

His official rulings were thirty-nine in number, and, as it seems to us, they were the product of a judicial mind and of a heart devoted to the cause of Masonry. We quote but two of them, as follows:

(It seems that, like the "ghost," questions of physical qualifications of candidates "will not down.")

"31. Is an applicant who has an artificial foot eligible for the degrees?"

"Answer.—I refer you to the rule laid down for the guidance of Grand Masters by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by Grand Lodge (Proc. 1900) which says: 'In regard to physical qualifications, we think it advisable for our Grand Masters to answer all such questions by referring the inquirer to Edict 30, and thereby requiring the subordinate Lodge in each case to decide for itself whether applicant can receive and impart the ritual of Freemasonry.' "

And he cites several Grand Masters' decisions and reports of Jurisprudence Committee on the same. Ability to receive and impart the work is, in effect, the Alabama rule.

The other decision here quoted is:

"No. 33. Has the Lodge the right to prefer charges and expel a member who has married a negro?"

"Answer.—Certainly it has, and should. Has the civil law been abated? A man who thus violates the civil law, outrages public opinion and degrades himself, is unfit to associate with Masons, and should be expelled."

As No. 39, the Grand Master stated that he had, in replying to a communication from the Grand Master of Alabama, asking the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to join in celebrating Benjamin Franklin's 200th anniversary of his birthday, responded that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee would not meet until after January 17th—Franklin's birthday..

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master we note the following:

"I recommend the repeal of Section 7, Art. 2, of the Constitution, which reads: 'No person shall be eligible to the offices of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden more than one year in succession. The other officers may be subject to re-election or reappointment.'

"I recommend the repeal of item 8, p. 85, Masonic Code, which forbids refunding any portion of the fees. A Lodge should have the right to dispose of its surplus funds as it may desire."

"I recommend that the Committee on Jurisprudence (if in their wisdom they deem it advisable) formulate a plan for a delegated convention of all regular jurisdictions in the United States for the purpose of securing uniformity of ritual and work, and for such other object as may with propriety come before such convention."

Having given what seemed valid reasons therefor, he said: "I

therefore recommend that with the incoming administration the Grand Master be paid the sum of \$750.00 per annum."

He recommended appointed of a committee to consider the practicability of Grand Lodge building a Masonic Temple, it to report at present session.

He claimed that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was the only independent Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. in the United States, acting by authority of warrant.

The address closes with words from one of their own poets, as follows:

"In a far-off eastern country, in the ages past and gone,
There was built the finest Temple that the sun e'er shone upon.
Grandly rose its fretted columns to the lofty massive dome,
Cherubim and Sanctuary found therein their fitting home.
Crown of human work, this Temple; Architecture's diadem,
Solomon's own greatest glory—pride of Old Jerusalem.
Where are now those lofty pillars, and that massive dome
sublime?
Ground to formless dust and powder, scattered by the winds of
time.
Not one stone upon another has remained to mark the spot
Where it looked upon the city, yet its glory withers not;
For from out its dust and ashes rose a structure that has stood
Through the storm and stress of centuries, the Masonic Brother-
hood."

The Grand Treasurer had, when closing his books, a balance in the sum of \$31,963.53

We learn from the Grand Secretary, Jno. B. Garrett's report, that charters had been granted to six Lodges.

The Grand Secretary animadverted on some very loose methods which had prevailed in some quarters—only a few we are glad to note. No doubt correction of such practice will follow his admonition.

The entertainment given at the Bijou Theatre, by the Children of the Home, was a great success. The programme—a choice selection—is given in this volume.

An exemplification of the Master Mason degree took place under the auspices of the Board of Custodians.

A touching and highly interesting memorial on the death of Past Grand Master Thomas A. Hamilton was read by Past Grand Master B. V. Warr.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the official rulings of the Grand Master except certain items from which we make

extracts, not having space to spare for all of them. Says the committee:

"Item 28. A Master Mason who has not served as Warden is eligible to the office of Master of Lodge Under Dispensation; and, if appointed thereto by the M. W. Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, he need not challenge himself nor refuse the office on that account, (Text Book, page 280)."

"To the recommendations of the Grand Master upon divers topics we make the following responses:

"(1) We recommend that Sec. 7, Art. 11 of the Constitution be amended by substituting 'two for one' before year, so that it shall read: 'No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Warden, (Grand?) 'more than two years in succession.'"

"(2) We do not favor the refunding of Lodge fees to those receiving degrees, and recommend that the law upon this subject, forbidding such such refunding by subordinate Lodges, be not disturbed."

"(4) We oppose uniting in a call for a National Convention of Craft Masons"

"(5) We do not concur in the recommendation to change the law in regard to the election to fill vacancies in Lodge offices."

"(8) We prefer also the present practice of reimbursing the Grand Master for all necessary official expenses during the year incurred by him in behalf of Freemasonry, to a fixed salary; and so non-concur in the Grand Master's recommendation on this subject."

The proposed amendment to the Constitution in regard to eligibility for the Grand Offices was received and took the usual course.

The Board of Control of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home made a satisfactory report on condition of the Home. In concluding said report the Board put the importance of the Home before the brethren in the following strong light:

"There are many things needed at the Home if we had the funds to purchase them, but when we look back over its history of thirteen years and recall the fact that more than 200 widows and orphans have been cared for and educated and sent out into the world to earn their own living, and not one has brought discredit to the institution, we feel that there is room for congratulation. We feel that the Home is doing well and that it will continue to do well and reflect credit upon the Fraternity. A good English education for a boy or girl is the best preparation they can have when they are dismissed from the Home at the age of sixteen years, and to that end the Board industriously strives. It is the greatest exponent of our faith, and

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our hearts will ever turn towards it with mingled feelings of joy and pride."

The net current expenses for the year of the Home were \$12,846.12. Average number of residents for the year was 133 2-3. Average cost per year, per capita, \$94.00. If the actual expense of feeding and clothing alone is taken into account, the expense per capita, 1905, is \$40.47.

The bonds, with \$1,531.75 cash added thereto, all belonging to the Home, foot up \$22,483.45.

Past Grand Master Harry A. Chambers, Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, presented his annual report, which was ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the same committee, the question of recognizing the new Grand Lodge of Queensland was judiciously deferred for another year.

The convocation of Past Masters was held January 31, 1906. There were 57 accessions to its membership in 1906.

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In his introduction to the report on Correspondence, Past Grand Master Henry A. Chambers, Chairman of the Committee, treats judiciously, but briefly, of "Physical Qualifications," "The Liquor Question," "Ciphers" and "Clandestine Masonry."

"Alabama-1905" had been on hand but "a day or two ago, and of course, "could not receive a very extended and careful consideration." His notice there f is, nevertheless, courteous and brotherly. The writer's thanks are tendered for his kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

Brother Chambers' review is a valuable digest of opinions expressed by Grand Masters and committees on masonic law and usage. His comments are few and very brief.

Bro. Robert Burrow, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. John B. Garrett, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.**70TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER 1905.**

Bro. A. W. Campbell, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Lodges on the roll, 723; Master Masons now on the roll, 38,270, an increase of number reported the preceding year, by 1,834 Freemasons.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were reported present at the Communication under review, but we do not find the name of Bro. Robt. M. Elgin, Alabama's envoy, among the names of thirty-five Grand Representatives reported present.

In his address the Grand Master said:

"Masonry in Texas has never enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, more activity in the charity of its Lodges and members, and happier growth in the Masonic work, than that which has marked the year just drawing to a close. And especially am I proud to note, from my personal knowledge, as well as the observation of others, that the Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are requiring a higher moral character and loftier manhood of those who are desirous of participating in the mysteries of our ancient Order."

Giving an account of his administration he reported twenty-five Lodges having been regularly constituted, charters having been granted them at the Annual Communication of the preceding year.

Ten Lodges had been organized U. D.

Nineteen special dispensations had been issued for the laying of corner-stones, and fifteen for holding public installations on other than St. John's Day, also a large number of dispensations had been granted for other specific purposes; but he had uniformly refused to permit waiver of time in conferring degrees.

His thirty-five decisions reported cover a little more than eleven closely printed pages. In them, fairness, impartiality, and fine judgment are conspicuous. We quote a few among those of general interest:

"No. 3—Held, That every member in good standing has the right to vote on any question coming before the Lodge. A By-Law prohibiting a member from voting or holding any office in the Lodge, when such member is six months in arrears for dues, is unconstitutional."

The Grand Master adds that said By-Law was repealed in 1893.

"No. 8—Held, That an officer of a Lodge, either elective or appointive, cannot dimit during his term of office."

"No. 10—Held, That when an Entered Apprentice of a Lodge moves into the jurisdiction of another Lodge, his application for the remaining degrees must be by written petition."

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"No. 16—At the annual election of Hope Lodge No. 481, in 1904, Bro. W. C. Bradshaw was elected W. M. to succeed Bro. R. L. Campbell, the then incumbent. Bro. Bradshaw was installed as Worshipful Master, after August 1st following, under dispensation from the then Grand Master."

"The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports disapproved of the action of the then Grand Master, in permitting the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect, at a date beyond the time prescribed by our laws."

"Question:—Was Bro. Bradshaw, who was installed by virtue of said dispensation, the Worshipful Master of Hope Lodge, or did Bro. Campbell, the preceding Master, hold over?"

"Answer:—In my opinion it was not the intention of the committee to reverse the action of the Grand Master in this particular case, but to warn all future Grand Masters that his action should not be taken as a precedent in similar cases;

"I therefore ruled that Bro. Bradshaw was the legally constituted Worshipful Master of Hope Lodge No. 481."

"No. 24—Held. That no one is authorized to confer the Past Master's Degree upon the Master-elect of a Lodge, except one who has served as Master of a Lodge a constitutional term. As Master Masons we can take no cognizance of a degree conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter. The High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, who has never served as Master for a constitutional term, has no authority to usurp the functions of an actual Past Master, in conferring the Past Master's Degree upon a Master-elect of a Lodge, as a portion of the installation ceremony."

"No. 18—Eden Lodge, No. 875, expressed the remains of one of its deceased members to Brownwood, and requested Brownwood Lodge No. 279, to meet the remains of the brother at the depot and give him Masonic burial in Brownwood cemetery. Brownwood Lodge, acting upon said request, buried the deceased brother, and presented an itemized bill of the burial expenses to Eden Lodge."

"Question: Was Eden Lodge morally and Masonically liable for the necessary expenses incurred by Brownwood Lodge in burying the deceased member of Eden Lodge, at the Lodge's request?"

The Grand Master held that, under the circumstances recited Eden Lodge was liable for said expenses incurred by Brownwood Lodge. He intimated that, had the last named Lodge voluntarily—without request from Eden Lodge—gone to said expenses, Eden Lodge would have been under no obligation to reimburse Brownwood Lodge therefor.

"No. 80—The Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, Dec 1904 reversed and remanded for new trials, two cases which had been appealed from Whitewright Lodge No. 167. D. S. McMillin, Wor. Master of that Lodge propounded the following questions relative to the new trials in said cases:

"(1) Shall I await the official notification, by the Grand Secretary, of the action of the Grand Lodge, before appointing committees, notifying members, setting day for trial, &c.?"

"*Answer:* No; the receipt by you of the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge—1904, will be official notice of the action of Grand Lodge in these cases."

"(2) Can any evidence that was offered at a former trial be introduced in these trials?"

"*Answer:* * * * There is no rule either in Masonry or civil law which authorizes oral testimony, adduced upon one trial, to be used upon another trial of the same cause; * * *."

"I therefore hold that such testimony cannot be used upon a subsequent trial of the same cause, without the consent of both parties to the action, that is, the accused or his proxy, and the Junior Warden or prosecutor."

The Grand Master states that foregoing ruling does not apply to depositions duly and properly taken under the Masonic laws of Texas

"No. 34—*Question:* At what stage of the trial of a case would it be proper for a Lodge to dismiss a specification, for lack of evidence sufficient to convict thereon?"

"*Answer:* While the letter of the law is not very clear on this subject, I am of the opinion that, where it is deemed advisable to dismiss a specification, for lack of evidence sufficient to convict thereon, the motion to dismiss the specification should be made before the trial is gone into; that is, before both parties announce ready for trial, and before the hearing of any testimony."

(Before the evidence is presented, how is it to be ascertained whether or not a specification is thereby sustained?)

The Law Committee approved all the decisions save three—No. 16, No. 30, and No. 34.

The committee did not agree with the Grand Master in his decision numbered 16. The "Constitution provides in substance that where an officer of a Lodge, either elected or appointed, is not installed before the first day of August, the old officer holds over. It does not lie in the power of the Grand Master or the

Grand Lodge to to set aside this provision of the Constitution, and we hold that Bro. Bradshaw was not legally installed into the office of Worshipful Master of Hope Lodge, No. 481, under said dispensation."

"Decision No. 30 correctly states that there is no provision of law providing for the use, on another trial, of oral testimony given in a Lodge trial and reduced to writing. We believe, however, under proper restrictions, such testimony might well be available on another trial, and that such a provision would sometimes save the Lodge or the accused considerable inconvenience and expense, and would be especially promotive of justice in the event of the death, removal or absence of the witness from any other cause. To accomplish this purpose, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That oral testimony given in a Lodge, and reduced to writing, on the trial of a case in a subordinate Lodge, shall be admissible in a subsequent trial of the same case in the same Lodge, or in another Lodge to which the case has been sent or transferred on a change of venue, said testimony, or a copy thereof, being certified to as correct, by the Secretary of the Lodge in which the same was given; provided that the party, either the Lodge or the accused, against whom said testimony is offered, had the opportunity for cross-examination of the witness while said testimony was being given; and *provided further*, that either party may re-examine the witness, on such subsequent trial, notwithstanding the former testimony of such witness may have been read under the provisions of this resolution."

The committee thought decision No. 34 in conflict with Art. 513, Masonic Laws of Texas.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Resolutions of respect on the death of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Brother Thomas M. Reed, the oldest, in time of service, on the Continent, were adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows total receipts for the year to have been \$54,238 20 (general fund), and total balance on hand to have been \$27,790.26. Also, he had received on account of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, from the Grand Secretary, \$19,045 00.

The address of Bro. The Rt. Rev. A. C. Garrett, was both instructive and interesting—his theme, "The Vocation of Masonry."

In the report of the Directors of the Widows' and Orphans

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Home it is seen that there are now 158 children and 12 aged widows, inmates of the Home.

The report of the Superintendent of the Home evinces wise and successful management of its affairs.

The "Boys' Annex" building has been erected at a total cost of \$30,429.79, greatly increasing the efficiency of the Institution.

The Treasurer's report exhibits total receipts for the year (including cash balance from last report) to amount of \$72,670.21, and cash balance on hand, \$38,583.51.

The Institution is firmly established, and promises untold blessings to the families of deceased Freemasons and the community.

The report of the Committee on Masonic History—Past Grand Master Wm. Bramlette, is full of interest for Texas Masons.

The "Temple Building Committee" made final report, and at its request, was discharged. To the great satisfaction of the Grand Lodge and of the committee, the report shows that no debt overhangs the Temple; and there remains in hand, after everything is paid for, a comfortable cash balance. Our Texas Brothers may justly be proud of their financial condition.

The total cost of building, fixtures and furniture was \$118,-285.74. The unexpended balance, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, was \$2,584.06.

All the reports of the three Committees on Appeals and Grievances were adopted, with one exception—Fort Worth Lodge (143) had expelled a member for long continued and systematic violation of Masonic and civil law. The specifications in one particular had not been quite explicit enough, and the committee (No. 1 on Griev. and App.) wished to remand for new trial; but Grand Lodge, very properly, in our opinion, affirmed the action of the Lodge in expelling said member from all the privileges and benefits of Masonry.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, most heartily approved all of the Grand Master's official acts.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$12,000.00 of the funds in his hands belonging to Grand Lodge, to the Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund.

This volume is embellished with a portrait of Bro. S. M.

Bradley, Grand Master-Elect, and with one of Bro. Norton Moses, Grand Master, 1877. The entire "make up" of these Proceedings is a monument to the pains-taking effort and the efficiency of Grand Secretary Watson.

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It goes without saying that the Report on Foreign Correspondence is a production of great merit, since it emanates from the heart, brain and pen of Past Grand Master Bro. Thos. M. Matthews, Sr., who, in a report covering 126 pages (his 20th), reviews the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges—six of them for two years.

Alabama, 1904, is given three and one half pages of fraternal and courteous notice.

After complimenting Grand Master Redden on the spirit and beauty of his exordium, he judiciously summarizes the body of his address; but thinks that, in accordance with our Grand Master's views on "railroading" candidates through the degrees, those forty-three dispensations to confer degrees out of time might have been very properly withheld. The writer's views on that subject are well known. Bro. Matthews says our Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals "seems to have had quite a full docket, which was disposed of with justice well tempered by mercy."

He gives his "hearty and unqualified approval" of the action of our Grand Lodge in an appeal from the decision of Rose Hill Lodge No. 258, which had failed to expel a member who had committed heinous "crimes against Masonry and society, only three-fifths of the members present at the trial having voted for expulsion of the accused and convicted member, it requiring a two-thirds vote to expel. Our Grand Lodge sustained the Committee's recommendation of expulsion in that case. But Brother Matthews thinks it might most properly have gone further, and arrested the Charter of said Lodge. He says that in Texas the arrest would have been made "right now." If so, then provision should have been made for the "three-fifth" who voted to expel.

He can see no good reason to justify or excuse the Cleburne Lodge of Texas in ignoring the request of Florida Lodge No. 450, of Alabama, but trusts that Grand Secretary Beauchamp's letter to Grand Secretary Watson of Texas will be followed by

a satisfactory adjustment of the matter, and hopes it may be found that some unintentional mistake was the cause of the apparent courtesy and failure of the Texas Lodge to comply with the law on the subject.

This commendation of the writer's report on Correspondence is esteemed a very high compliment. We feel especially flattered when he says the writer "is broad-gauged but conservative, and his opinions, while pronounced, are clear-cut and well sustained."

We congratulate him upon the splendid financial condition of his Grand Lodge. The magnificent Temple, costing nearly \$120,000 00, completed and fully paid for, leaving a considerable surplus in the Treasury. The Home firmly established and well endowed—what is there for Texas Masons to wish for, save that perfect Masonic character shadowed in Bro. Matthews' well written conclusion? His reply to Bro. Marcombe of Iowa on flag display, assuredly 'hit the black.'

"Tis true—'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true," that, having already given Texas so much space, we must close without affording our readers a glimpse of some of Brother Matthews' clearly expressed opinions.

It is gratifying to the writer that the Brother's views and his own, so generally coincide; as evinced by his comment on Brother Shaver's reply to the writer on the flag "foolishness," (Kansas-1904), and in many other matters.

We wish we had space for Brother Matthews' cogent argument, under Oregon, on the Inspiration of the Holy Bible. As he justly intimates, concede that the Bible is not the "Word of God," and Freemasonry has no bottom.

Bro. S. M. Bradley, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. John Watson, R. W. Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

35TH ANNUAL—SALT LAKE CITY—JANUARY, 1906.

Bro. Chas. Stetson Varian, M. W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 11; Membership, 1,270—Gain for the year, 57. Grand Lodge Dues, \$2,037.00. Amount expended for Charity, \$379.80.

The two portraits which grace this neat volume would look

well in the proceedings of the most important Jurisdiction—One is the face of Bro. Sidney Watson Badcon, Grand Master Elect, the other, that of Bro. John William Guthrie, "50 years a Mason."

When Grand Lodge convened, all the Grand Officers, save the Senior Grand Steward, were in their places, and eleven Past Grand Masters answered roll-call, as also did the Representatives of forty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Why Utah and Alabama have not exchanged envoys, we are unable to say.

The address of the Grand Master takes up about ten printed pages. It is the work of a clear headed man, and of one faithful to the high trust reposed in him.

He submitted no decisions, as all questions had been answered by reference to the law.

In looking into the standing resolutions relative to the duties of Grand Lecturer he thought he found such confusion and discrepancy as required further action to make such duties plain. In these resolutions there was "tautological and unnecessary elaboration in the matter of prescribing a plain and simple duty." But as the Law Committee was of the opinion that those standing resolutions could be harmonized, and recommended that no change be made, none was made.

The Grand Master stated that the Grand Secretary had received from the Secretary of the National Council of a labor organization, a communication enclosing printed forms of petition and resolution, demanding the enactment of laws restricting immigration to this country. The missive requested the names of "Subordinate Secretaries," &c. In short it was a bold request for Masonry to engage in politics. The Grand Master wisely forestalled any efforts, in the direction indicated, by issuing an Edict prohibiting any action in the premises by the Craft as organized bodies of Masons, or otherwise than as individual citizens.

He recommended that consideration be given to the request of the Grand Master of Alabama, and that appropriate answer thereto be made. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence, who made mention of said matter in his report.

The Grand Master made a recommendation in regard to an order issued at the Twenty-seventh Annual Communication. Said order, approved by Grand Lodge at said Communication, was as follows:

"I do direct that 'documentary evidence is not required to be produced by a Brother offering himself; but in the absence of a sufficient receipt for dues, the Examining Committee must be, in addition to the test oath, satisfactorily assured that the Brother is in good standing.'"

The following was the Grand Master's recommendation there-upon:

"I recommend that the order above referred to, made at the Twenty-seventh Annual Communication, be repealed, and other proper order taken in the premises; and further, that all examinations of visiting Brethren be made only by the Official Committee duly appointed."

The Jurisprudence Committee reporting upon the foregoing recommendation, while recognizing the wisdom of the Grand Master's observations respecting Clandestine Lodges, was "of the opinion that the necessity of the visiting Brother proving his good standing, is already sufficiently set out in the decision as finally presented by the Jurisprudence Committee and approved by the Grand Lodge. (Masonic Code, p. 59, Proc. 1898, p. 36.) He therefore recommended that no further action be taken." Adopted.

The Grand Master had, for valid reasons, recommended discontinuance of the practice of holding every year, regardless of existing conditions, a Lodge of Sorrow. The Jurisprudence Committee heartily concurred in the same. Report adopted.

The same committee also cordially approved his eulogistic and well merited remarks concerning Grand Secretary Christopher Diehl. Also concurred in.

The Grand Treasurer had, December 31, 1905, balance cash on hand to the amount of \$3,945.02. Also total amount of Charity Fund on hand \$1,016.86.

The Grand Secretary's report was what was expected of him—a thoroughly good, business-like document. He stated that for the first time in many years, no Abstract of a Trial Record had been received by him. This speaks well for prevalence of harmony in the Utah Lodges.

From R. W. Bro. Diehl's report, as Librarian, appears the fact that there are now 2,013 bound volumes in the library. We offer you, Brother Christopher, our congratulations that you will, in all probability, soon have fire proof quarters for your books and papers.

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The Grand Lecturer had visited all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. He complimented all of them "upon the excellent work they are doing."

The Grand Representatives present were invited to seats on the Dais, and welcomed in the usual manner.

The Grand Master called up the Grand Lodge to attend the reading of the report on Obituary, which was adopted after the giving of the Grand Honors.

The Trustees of Utah Consistory No 1 had made a proposition to Grand Lodge, offering the use of said building for meetings of the Grand Lodge, and for offices of the Grand Secretary and Librarian, and Grand Treasurer, at a rental of \$300 00 per annum. On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the offer was accepted. (We trust Brother Diehl will not be above speaking to "a fellow" when he has been installed in his new and elegant quarters.) Seriously we felicitate our dear Brother on prospective improved conditions for his office.

"IMPARTIAL HISTORY OF THE TERRITORY OF UTAH."

On recommendation of the last named committee, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Librarian be and is hereby instructed to procure data of the early and formative period of the late Territory of Utah, with a view of collecting a true and impartial history of the Territory and State."

"And be it further resolved, That \$250.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for that purpose."

If Brother Diehl "gets up" that work, it will be a valuable contribution to Masonic and general literature. How about Standing Resolution No. 7, Brother Diehl?

Standing Resolution No. 8 harmonizes the laws respecting Grand Lecturer's duties, which had seemed discordant.

Two Occasional Communications had been held for the purpose of laying corner stones—one at Ogden, the other at Salt Lake City. Both structures, when completed, will be elegant Masonic Temples.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With pleasure unfeigned we open the report on Correspondence, because our anticipations of good reading matter therein, are never disappointed. This is the thirtieth by Bro. Chris-

topher Diehl, R. W., Grand Secretary and Committee on Foreign Correspondence. All fifty-six of the American Grand Lodges pass under his well-trained eye.

Alabama, 1904, is courteously treated in the space of two full pages. Grand Master Robt. J. Redden's Address is approvingly (we conclude) referred to, and a few of his decisions copied. Brother Diehl says of our Grand Lodge:

"An appeal for aid, from the widow of a Master Mason having been read, the Grand Lodge took a recess, and the Brethren contributed \$158 88. That is Masonic Charity."

The old Greek injunction, 'know thyself,' is quite fresh in our memory, but we don't know "W. G. Titcomb," still we have some acquaintance with W. Y. Titcomb.

(As to our playing a "Joke on us" (You) "last summer," listen—The two friends, on arriving in Salt Lake City, inquired for you at their hotel, but were informed by the hotel clerk that you had sustained an injury and could not receive visitors. They, however, went to your office, trusting to find your son—I believe—but found the office closed. Thence to the Temple (Mormon) which was also closed. Train time for departure was now at hand, and they shortly proceeded on their way to San Francisco. Now, dear Brother, where does the "Joke" come in?)

Brother Diehl agrees with us that restoration to membership requires the unanimous consent of the Brethren present at a regular Communication.

He is of the opinion that "a man with only one eye is physically capable of complying with all the requirements of the Degrees." We concur.

An excellent "hobby" has been that of Brother Diehl "for nigh twenty years," viz: making an "appropriation as a nucleus for a charity fund." Could such a hobby become prevalent everywhere, what benefits would undoubtedly accrue.

He agrees with Brother Barlow of Connecticut in regard to making Masons of Papists—with the writer also.

In regard to Grand Masters' decisions he likes "yes, or no," with a line or two of explanation—brevity—the best.

Where a man's family resides, where his children go to school, and where he eats, drinks and sleeps, our Brother considers his Masonic home, and will so consider it for all time.

He says that Bro. Marcombe of Iowa agreed with him "that the Alabama law which charges dues for such a period as the Brother may be under suspension, is an imposition and repugnant to every instinct of justice and at variance with all Masonic sentiment."

The writer's views on that matter are well known.

Under Kansas, he says of Brother Shaver:

"Under Alabama, he thereby answers Bro. Titcomb who criticises the Kansas flag resolution." Then follows said answer.

The writer has replied to Bro. Shaver elsewhere. Suffice it to say here that his opinion on that subject remains unchanged.

Under New York, Brother Diehl's brief eulogy of the late Brother Jesse B. Anthony is touchingly eloquent.

Under Wisconsin we find that he agrees with Brother Upton of Washington and Brother Jenks of Wisconsin, that "there had never been a Grand Master until Anthony Sayer was elected by the Grand Lodge of England in 1717."

There is much in Brother Diehl's review that we would like to extract, but must pass in silence.

Bro. Sidney Watson Badcon, M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Christopher Diehl, R. W. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

113TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, A. L. 5906.

Bro. Walter E. Ranger, M. W. Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 103—Number represented 86—Number having made returns and paid their dues 103—Membership, April 30, 1906, 11,802—Net gain 267.

A portrait of Grand Master, Brother Ranger, adorns the initial page of this excellently printed volume, which is marred only by the carelessness of the binder in displacing pages 113-128 inclusive, of the Correspondence report, putting them in the midst of the "In Memoriam," between pages 96 and 97 of the records.

Two Special Communications had been held for the purpose of dedicating new Lodge halls—one at Barre, Vt., the other at Ludlow, Vt.

When Grand Lodge convened, June 13th, all the Grand Officers were present, as also were 26 Permanent Members including

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7 Past Grand Masters, with a large quorum of members. We are pleased to note that Alabama's Representative, Brother Eugene S. Weeton, was one of the 30 Grand Representatives present.

Resolutions of sympathy with Past Grand Master Nathan P. Bowman, 'a father in Masonry, senior in service, and next to our oldest living Past Grand Master, detained by physical weakness in a distant State,' were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

A perusal of the Grand Master's address justifies amply the encomiums pronounced upon him in the biographical sketch prepared by Brother DeBaer. Without ostentation, but in scholarly and forcible phraseology, M. W. Brother Ranger presented a clear account of his administration. It is trusted that, by extracting a few unconnected lines from said address, injustice will not be done to this most capable Grand Master. His opening is as follows :

"Again in these glad days of June, in the annual festival week of our fraternity of the Green Hills, we have come up to the city of our Temple and, in the peace and amity of the sanctuary of the Grand Lodge, we are convened before the holy Grand Altar of Masonry, whose flame enkindles the fire on every altar and whose light illuminates the life of every brother within our borders. Trained in the practice of our rites, and inspired by true Masonic spirit, we spontaneously observe the time-honored custom of first invoking the blessing of Him whose symbol is ever before us in this important and laudable undertaking, the 113th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. With reverent gratitude we acknowledge His loving care in the long, long past, with devout praise we ascribe to His kind providence the joy and opportunity of this glad meeting of the brethren of our faith, and in humble and sincere prayer beseech that His wisdom may guide our deliberations, His will govern our conduct, His spirit inspire our duty, His mercy mantle our mistakes, and His eternal goodness comfort, sweeten and enrich the life of every brother in the long years to be."

He paid loving tribute to the Fraternal Dead. Under Condition of the Craft, he said :

"Throughout this jurisdiction there are abundant evidences of the worthy life of the Fraternity and of the wondrous power of Masonry to ennoble mankind. Everywhere there is a reverent appreciation of its sublime truths, its inspiring beauty and its vivifying spirit. In the conduct of life the brethren shadow

forth high Masonic ideals. Light shines brightly from our many altars. With hardly an exception, peace and prosperity reign everywhere." * * * * *

* * "Vermont has one Mason for every thirty inhabitants, or a Mason for every eight men of lawful age. So far as I know, no sister jurisdiction excels us in Masonic strength, either in the number of Masons relative to population or in the sterling manhood of our Masonic citizenship."

No dispensations for organizing new Lodges had been issued, but in March he had received from several brethren in Proctor, a petition for the formation of a new Lodge at said place, neighboring Lodges having given their consent, and approval of the District Deputy having been received, but the petition had been returned for correction of some irregularities. At the last moment it came back in good shape, and he was pleased to refer it to Grand Lodge, recommending favorable consideration of the same.

He commended the District Deputies, but also made some wholesome suggestions as to the selection of such officers. Referring to the District meetings, he intimated that he had never refused, at the call of the brethren, to bear witness to the truth and beauty and beneficent power of Masonry. His counsels and suggestions had always been heartily received.

He had dedicated two Masonic halls.

On receiving intelligence of the San Francisco disaster, he had sent \$100.00 to the sufferers. He had appealed to the Lodges on behalf of the stricken city—not in vain. The Lodges promptly responded with a contribution of more than \$1,300.00.

He had been requested by a certain Lodge to secure from Grand Lodge a declaration as to the legality of allowing Chapters O. E. S. to occupy Lodge rooms. There had been much of dispute in regard to the matter. He had found even among well informed Masons, differences of opinion as to the bearing of existing laws affecting the subject; therefore he recommended that Grand Lodge take action on said matter "at this time."

He recommended continuance of the Committee on a Masonic Home. But, said he, "Until the fruition of our hopes is realized in this matter, our obligations enjoin us to care for the needy by other means. The true home of our distressed is the heart of Masonry, where every brother may find refuge and whence may issue fraternal care for the brother in distress or his orphans."

He had received a complaint against an officer of Grand Lodge—referred to Committee on Grievances

He announced "an unusual and perhaps unprecedented occurrence," the resignation of the Junior Grand Warden—Brother Perkins—can a stationed officer resign and remain in the jurisdiction?

The Grand Master winds up his well expressed conclusion with the following pregnant words:

"With a brave and hopeful spirit may we all continue to reach higher and better things in Masonry, even newer worlds in the limitless kingdoms of life's universe, ever striving to make our revered Institution worthy and honorable among men by living its truth and beauty, ever nearing that time when no longer men will question:

'Ah, when shall all men's good
Be each man's rule, and universal peace
Lie like a shaft of *light* across the land,
And like a lane of beams athwart the sea,
Thro' all the circle of the golden year.'

"Brethren, may God bless you,
"WALTER E. RANGER, Grand Master."

The Grand Secretary's short report covers all the ground needful to be traversed—compact and businesslike.

The Grand Treasurer's summary shows: Balance general account, June 15, 1905, \$2,154.67; receipts general account \$4,945.31; receipts Temple account \$10,315.52, making a total of \$17,415.50. Payments general account \$5,144.87; Temple account \$10,315.52, leaving balance general account \$1,955.11. The statement of Temple Debt makes the total of said debt \$14,500.00.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address bestowed unstinted praise and commendation upon him, warmly applauding his wise, devoted administration of Grand Lodge affairs, his prompt action in behalf of those who were victims of the San Francisco disaster, and his "dissemination of truth, knowledge and morality among men and Masons," and his wholesome suggestions and admonitions to the brethren.

The committee cordially approved every official act on his part, which it was the committee's province to pass upon.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, a dispensation was granted for formation of a new Lodge at Proctor, as recommended by the Grand Master. Two Lodges were permitted to consolidate, certain conditions being

fulfilled; also the cases of some Lodges praying for change of District, were covered by a change of Article 5, of the By-Laws, which the committee submitted, and which, of course, must lie over till the next Annual Communication for final action.

The report of the Committee on Grievances "was accepted and adopted."

The Jurisprudence Committee, after having treated the subject exhaustively so far as previous decisions were concerned, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*. That a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star may, with the consent of a Lodge, occupy its hall for meetings."

So now the waves of discord in a certain Lodge are smoothed down to a level.

The Committee on Jewels appointed the previous year, was continued, instruction being given the same to procure a suitable Jewel for the retiring Grand Master. As these lines are penned the thought flits before our mind that all the money expended in each Grand Jurisdiction for jewels for retiring Grand Officers, would, if so used, make the nucleus (to say the least), of a very respectable Benevolent Fund. Worthy Past Officials do not need to be ticketed—their names are enshrined in the hearts of their brethren.

The Grand Lecturer's report evinces sterling qualification for the duties of his responsible office.

He highly commends the District Deputies. He had attended the fourteen District meetings held, and, in the discharge of his duty, in the small State of Vermont, had traveled 1,950 miles. He said :

"I am convinced by a careful reading of our Masonic history as revealed through the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge that extend over 113 years, that at no time in the past has the stream of our Masonic life flowed on so peacefully, so broad and deep and grandly as at the present. At no time in the past has the future of the Craft been so bright and attractive as it is now. What wonder, then, that good men and true knock without ceasing at our outer doors. With these existing conditions it is surely an honor and privilege to labor either in the quarries, the forests or at the Temple site with such co-workers."

In a carefully prepared report the Committee on Necrology paid loving tribute to the Fraternal Dead both at home and abroad.

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No need to say that the report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins, is the work of a master hand, for that fact is patent to all who take the trouble to read it.

Under the necessity of pleading the same old excuse of limited space and time, we notice this instructive production but briefly.

Alabama-1905, is favored with a page and a half of fraternal mention. The address of the Grand Master, he says: "is a businesslike paper, reflecting marked ability in administering the affairs of the Craft."

He criticises the Alabama decision that one who cannot read and write is eligible for the degrees, and calls it "an utterance that may be rightly questioned in this day and generation."

He says that in Vermont a petitioner must himself sign his name to the petition.

His kind reference to the writer's report on Correspondence is highly appreciated. In the same connection, quoting our conclusion, in which, after noticing misuse of the white ball, we had said as to cipher ritual, "the good old way is the best. Let's keep the cipher out of symbolic Masonry," he punches us under the ribs thus:

"We take the following from Bro. Titcomb's concluding words of his valuable report—merely premising he appears to have forgotten that 'the good, old way' he pronounces 'the best,' was characterized by 'the cipher.' "

Will Bro. Perkins kindly inform us in what quarters the "good old way was characterized by the cipher"?

Under Oregon, he shows that the p. d. had made him appear to say that the writer favored the admission of petitioners who cannot read and write, while, in fact, he meant to say the opposite.

In the same connection he gives Bro. Hodson a sly poke, by intimating that while the foregoing was bad—aggravating, it was not so bad as that to be found in Bro. Hodson's comment upon the same, for Bro. H applauded the Alabama Grand Lodge which, in fact, decided that such man was eligible, and in the same breath denounced the "ignoramus as no fit material for the mysteries of Masonry"—"but then," says Brother Perkins, "Great Jupiter sometimes nodded."

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His concluding remarks on "documentary evidence" are well worthy of careful consideration.

**Bro. Chas. A. Calderwood, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. Henry H. Ross, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.**

VIRGINIA.**128TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—FEBRUARY 1906.**

Bro. Thomas N. Davis, M.: W.: Grand Master.
The initial page of this volume presents a portrait of Bro. Kosciusko Kemper, Grand Master-elect.
Number of Lodges, 286; number making returns, 284.
Number of affiliated Masons, per returns, 16,981—gain, 1,000, about.

When, on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, Grand Lodge convened, there were present—the Grand Officers, a quorum of members, four Past Grand Masters, twenty-three District Deputies and thirty-one Grand Representatives.

In his address (26 pp) the Grand Master, after expressions of gratitude to Almighty God, dilates somewhat upon "The Office of Grand Master of Masons." In the concluding sentences of those paragraphs, he says: (and we suppose the sentiment is quite natural to those who believe in the absolutely autocratic powers of the Grand Master) "the office of Grand Master of Masons in Virginia demands and receives the staunchest loyalty from the Craft without regard to location or geographical position. Everywhere, from the mountains which milk the clouds, to the land of the lapping tide, *his edicts and decisions are obeyed without question or quibble.*" (Italics ours.)

He had made about fourteen "official and personal visits," but, through illness and the demands of business, had reluctantly declined to accept a number of invitations to visit Lodges.

Some matters of dispute, domestic and foreign, and their adjustment, occupied considerable space in the address—suffice it to say that in the settlement of these differences, the Grand Master's course was wise and conservative.

Under decisions and Constructions, we find twenty-nine items, a few of which are here copied, as follows:

"Held."

"2. That the Masonic Fraternity cannot exclude other orders" (organizations?) "from the procession accompanying the remains of a brother to the place of burial."

"3. That the selection of pall, and flower bearers is the personal right of those interested as mourners and that if they desire, or it is requested by non-Masonic organizations, that pall, and flower bearers be equally distributed, there can be no objection."

"6. That on arriving near the grave the procession should be halted and the files—each order—faced inward and the order reversed so as to enable the Masons to reach the grave and perform their ceremony first."

"8. That it would be highly improper and disrespectful for the Masons, after they have performed their ceremony, not to await the conclusion of the ceremonies of other organizations."

"12. That a party who has lost the index finger of his right hand about one inch from the knuckle joint cannot be initiated."

"13. That a brother can intentionally expose his ballot when he votes a black ball."

"15. Reversal of verdict on appeal, even if the verdict was expulsion, restores to membership and good standing—See Section 316."

(Not so in Alabama.)

"16. That the accuser cannot appeal to the Grand Lodge when the defendant is acquitted by the commission."

"23. That every Lodge is a household belonging to the members thereof, and each and all can say who shall not be permitted to visit, outside of the Grand officers and the District Deputy Grand Master, who has supervision of the Lodge, and the Master cannot say nay."

(We would incline to add, that an expelled member cannot get back into the Lodge without the consent of the "household.")

"24. That the residence of a civilian is limited by the lot or farm on which he resides."

"25. That the residence of a soldier in the United States army is limited by the boundary of the military reservation on which he is stationed."

Alas, the absolute supremacy of the Grand Master was swept away by the Grand Lodge's refusal to affirm his ruling, No.

"28," which decided, "That the ruling and governing Master had the right to declare any office vacant if the incumbent does not attend to the duties thereof by reason of non-attendance *without cause*," just as a cobweb is brushed away by the housemaid's broom.

He had issued dispensations for six new Lodges.

Under the heading "miscellany" we find a circular addressed to the Grand Master, from which circular it appears that John Paul Jones belonged to our Fraternity; as witness the following:

"The late Admiral Paul Jones was a Mason for 22 years. He was made in Scotland in 1770; later joined the Masonic Lodge of Nine Sisters, in Paris, over which Benjamin Franklin was Master, and was a Mason when he died in 1792."

The M. W. Brother's remarks, under the head, "Rough Ashlers," are as entertaining as a good novel. Wish we had room to spare for a few extracts therefrom.

One of his nine recommendations—but only one—was disapproved. (Again we ejaculate, "poor Autocrat.")

Said recommendation proposed that Section 112, Current Digest, be amended by increasing the annual amount appropriated to the Home from \$3,000.00—as at present—to \$4,000.00.

We have read this thorough good address with sustained interest. By the way, a few expressions in it lead to the conclusion that Grand Master Davis has a genius for mathematics.

From statement in the report of the Standing Finance Committee it is learned that the net assets of Grand Lodge amount to \$29,092.58.

The Grand Treasurer's balance in bank, Jan. 31, 1908, was the sum of \$64.58.

The Committee on Property, including control of the Temple, fixtures, furniture, &c., reported receipts, \$8,805.01, and disbursements, \$5,587.13.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia holds election of officers, the first thing, the second day of the Grand Communication. We see no objection to this proceeding, save that it affords to some brethren, whose interest centers on the election, an opportunity for departing to their homes before the business of Grand Lodge is more than half done.

In honoring R. W. Brother Kemper by making him M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge honors itself. In this

connection, it will not be deemed impertinent for us to intimate that we have not a shadow of doubt that our distinguished fellow-reporter, R. W. Brother Eggleston, will look well to the West.

On the recommendation of Committee on Charters it was ordered that charters be granted to five (named) Lodges U. D. One Lodge was continued U. D. till next annual.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master, warmly congratulated him upon the success of his administration, and made all sorts of good wishes for the future. The committee approved heartily every decision except No. 22. It recommended that April 24, 1906, be set apart, in Special Communication, for suitable ceremonies in memory of that illustrious naval hero and Brother Mason, John Paul Jones. The committee's entire report was adopted.

The report of the Standing Committee on Memorials was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Propositions, 1,000 copies of the Grand Master's address were ordered to be printed and sold to Lodges at 10c per copy, and proceeds, after deducting expense of printing, donated to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

The report of the Committee on Work shows that exemplification of the several symbolic degrees was had, full time being taken for complete presentation of each degree.

The several reports of the Lecturers, and those of the District Deputies, show up Virginia Masonry in a very favorable light.

We do not find in this volume Brother Eggleston's History of St. John's Lodge, chartered in 1792.

"The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report which was ordered to be printed in the appendix."

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Again R. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston furnishes a fine report, reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two jurisdictions, including Alabama—1905, to which he gives nearly two pages of space. Of our Grand Master's decision that a man who cannot read and write is eligible for the degrees, he says:

"Certain it is that few, if any, men who cannot read or write have their intelligence sufficiently cultivated to grasp the teachings of Masonry and make worthy members."

The truth of the foregoing we cannot deny.

He says:

"Bro. T. does not like our Grand Master's refusal to rule that a Mason should not endorse an unworthy applicant. He does not catch the idea. Some hold that to endorse and then black ball sometimes results in good, because it forever bars in other Lodges."

Is not that "blooming" error, Brother?—"Doing evil that good may come?"

Our Good Brother is a little "off" in the following:

"He (the writer) introduced a resolution to show the absurdity of the course requiring Lodges reinstating to pay Grand Lodge dues for the period of suspension, but it was lost. So in Alabama the old rule, "sauce for the goose," &c., does not work."

If Brother Eggleston will change the words, "*absurdity of*" for "*inconsistency of*" and insert the words "*of not*" between "*course*" and "*requiring*," he will hit the mark. We simply meant that the Lodge owed the Grand Lodge its part of those charged up and received back dues—so called.

Brother, look again at your rejoinder to the writer's remark about the necessary presence of at least one of the principal officers.

Brother Baird, of the District of Columbia, had asked; "Does Alabama claim personal jurisdiction over profanes? If so, by what authority?" "We might extend the inquiry by asking by what authority was 'territorial authority' established at all."

Thus Bro. Eggleston replies to Bro. Baird:

"To which we reply that territorial jurisdiction is a natural result of the different conditions obtaining under civilization and the improved means of moving about."

"We of the twentieth century can scarcely conceive of the stagnation of peoples obtaining even one hundred years ago. When only the wealthy could afford the slow, tedious, and costly stage coach, or the comparatively slower sail vessels of small tonnage, men lived and died within a narrow horizon. Under those conditions territorial jurisdiction practically existed, but needed no authority, but now, when an unworthy man in, say, Washington, could at a small cost take an evening train to Richmond, be initiated and return next morning, it is clear that territorial restrictions have become a necessity from changed conditions. To draw a parallel—This same change from an uneducated mass of people who did not read, because there was

nothing to read, and who could not write because writing was unnecessary, to a condition in which even servants and laborers send their children to public schools, rendered necessary organized Masonry and Masonic records. Times change and men change with them, and Masons are men."

There is much truth in what Brother Eggleston says on this subject. As to Brother Baird's inquiry, so far as the writer is informed, Alabama does not claim personal jurisdiction. But there are several volumes of proceedings on the writer's table, awaiting inspection, and he must call a halt, only adding that the Virginia Home is in first-rate condition.

Bro. Kosciusko Kemper, M. W. Grand Master.
Bro. Geo. W. Carrington, R. W. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

48TH ANNUAL—BELLINGHAM—JUNE, 1905.

Bro Edwin H. VanPatten, M. W. Grand Master.

No. of Chartered Lodges 128—Lodges U. D 9—Membership 8,997—Net gain 1,036.

Frontispiece—Portrait of Grand Master E. H. VanPatten.

At the 48th Annual, 13 Past Grand Masters were reported as answering roll call, but 5 others were reported as Representatives present for other Grand Jurisdictions, thus making the No. of P. G. M.'s on hand 18. The Representatives of 33 Grand Lodges were present, but not including Bro. Henry S. Elliott for Alabama.

The Grand Master, in his excellent address, feelingly and eloquently announced the death of Past Grand Master, Brother Daniel Bagley, at the time of his demise the oldest living Past Grand Master.

He had in person constituted six Lodges, and, by proxy, one more—seven in all.

He had granted dispensations for organization of eight new Lodges. He had granted a few special dispensations—none of them to waive time in conferring degrees—but had refused to permit a waiver of time in three instances.

Two corner-stones had been laid with the impressive ceremonial of our Fraternity.

His nine decisions submitted were, no doubt, conformable to the laws of his jurisdiction. One of them, No. 7, would not

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accord with Alabama usage. The following is the decision in question :

"No. 7. In case another Grand Lodge does not allow a dimitt to be issued to a brother until he is elected in some other Lodge than the one in which he holds membership, a certificate to that effect from the Secretary of his Lodge or from the Grand Secretary of his jurisdiction, may be accepted in lieu of a dimitt, in an application for membership in this State."

Thus pending the completion of action on the part of both Lodges, the brother is a member of each Lodge. Our laws do not allow dual membership.

R. W.: Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith of British Columbia, was an honored visitor at the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The report of the venerable Thomas M. Reed, R. W.: Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, was made, and in great part prepared by Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Horace W. Tyler. Brother Reed was prevented by sickness from attending Grand Lodge, to his great disappointment—the first Annual he has missed for forty years.

As a business paper the report is a model.

With pleasure we note in this report, the following :

"TEXAS."

"On Dec. 8, 1904, the following telegram was received :
"WACO, TEXAS."

"T. M. Reed, Grand Secretary:

"Grand Lodge now in session; repealed resolution of non
intercourse."
(Signed)

"JOHN WATSON, G. S."

R. W.: Bro. Tyler, says :

"The above coming on Bro. Reed's 79th anniversary, was very pleasing to him, and prompt acknowledgment was made with congratulations and best wishes for the brotherhood of Texas."

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in hand was the sum of \$5,228.32.

Total assets of Grand Lodge \$41,727.05.

M. W.: Bro. Wm. H. Upton, Committee on Correspondence, presented his annual report, and it was ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Special Committee on Obituary made appropriate report

on the death of Past Grand Master Daniel Bagley, and the report was adopted.

Grand Lodge endorsed the suggestion of Brother Marcombe, of Iowa, looking to Bi Centenary celebration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1917.

The Grand Lecturer made report in detail, of his work during the year.

M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Upton submitted a special report on Correspondence, discussing impartially and comprehensively the Queensland situation, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

"Resolved. That it is not deemed for the best interest of Masonry to take any further action, at this time, upon the request for recognition received from the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Queensland."

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Oregon, at the time in session.

The brief report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Home, whose report was adopted, recommended that, at the present time, Grand Lodge decline to build a Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the adoption of certain amendments to the laws—§335, Masonic Code, Art. VI, Sec. 1, Subdiv. 7, § 59. Also the dispensations granted and those refused, and all the decisions submitted by the Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, charters were granted to seven Lodges U. D., and the dispensations of two Lodges were continued until they should have complied with all the requirements, after which a Charter should be granted to each of the two.

The Committee on Obituary made a very impressive report, which was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance, Grand Lodge dues were reduced from \$1.00 to 75 cents.

Notwithstanding the adoption of the report of the Committee on Masonic Home, which recommended that Grand Lodge build no Home at present, the following resolution was subsequently adopted :

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"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that a suitable site for the Masonic Home should be secured without delay, and that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to make a report and recommendations thereto at the next Grand Communication."

Bravo!

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The scholarly and instructive report on Correspondence is again presented by Past Grand Master Wm. H. Upton, his review covering 213 pages. Alabama-1904, is accorded about two pages of fraternal notice. He calls Grand Master R. J. Redden's address "sensible," and is quite polite to the writer, for which we bow our respectful acknowledgment.

In his conclusion Bro. Upton bids a well written farewell to the Guild. We shall miss his polished and vigorous pen. It is matter for regret that his last report should be marred by an assertion as unfortunate as it is unwarrantable. Under Montana, he quotes Bro. Cornelius Hedges in the latter's review of Mississippi, as follows: "Bro. Speed made a handsome speech as he always does, but astonished us with the assertion that 95 per cent. of the people of Mississippi were of British origin. As the majority of the people of Mississippi are colored, those of British origin must include a large share of the blacks, which we are hardly ready to credit even on so good authority as Brother Speed."

Whereupon Brother Upton indulges in the following spiteful fling at the South:

"O, we don't know about that, Bro. Hedges; a large majority of American negroes are descended from Southern white men."

When spleen gets the better of judgment and fairness, it is a bad case for the splenetic individual.

Bro. Upton injures himself more than he can injure the South by this insinuation. If there is any one thing more than another, that would lessen our regret at losing him in the Guild, it would be such gratuitous slander as the foregoing.

**Bro. Abraham Lincoln Miller, M.'. W.'. Grand Master.
Bro. Thomas Milburne Reed, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

FROM APRIL, 1905, TO APRIL, 1906.

On the initial page of this volume, the portrait of R. W., Deputy Grand Master, Thos. Farquharson Jolly, is resplendent in regalia and badges, while on the opposite page appears a view of the handsome "Free Masons Hall," Perth."

Having arrived at the eleventh hour this volume of proceedings is given but partial notice; nevertheless the scant attention bestowed upon it, we beg our Brethren of Western Australia not to consider an index of our interest in our new Sister Grand Lodge which holds its sittings at the city of Perth, W. Australia.

The number of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Body has increased from 33 to 78—considerable over one hundred per cent., during the six years time that this lusty young Grand Lodge has been in existence. The "financial membership," is 3,684—a gain, for the year, of 162 members.

Through the report of the Board of Benevolence it appears that the funds, at the disposal of the Board, amount to \$10,125.80. During the past year the sum of \$1,485.96 has been expended in granting relief.

A fine showing this for charitable work in far away Western Australia.

We note in the Pro Grand Master's address at the July, 1905, Quarterly, the announcement that the Grand Master had appointed the writer Representative of his Grand Lodge at or near the Grand Lodge of Alabama. The honor is greatly appreciated. Quarterly in April, 1906, "communication from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, appointing V. W. A. A. Heming, Grand Registrar, as their representative at or near the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and conveying his patent of office," was duly announced.

The persistent refusal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to accord recognition, continues to worry our Western Australian Brethren—even in the face of the recommendation made by the District Grand Master of Western Australia (S. C.) that the Grand Lodge of Scotland withdraw its refusal of recognition.

While our Brethren of W. A. steadfastly maintain their attitude of independence, all their utterances on the vexed question evince a truly fraternal, catholic, Masonic spirit. The instant

that *mulishness* abdicates the minds of the "Foreign and Colonial Committee" in Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Western Australia is ready and willing—nay, anxious to join hands with the Mother Grand Lodge.

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We congratulate our Brethren at Perth that they have installed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Said Committee submits its first report in this volume.

By the attention we have been able to give to the report we feel justified in asserting that it would do no discredit to any of our most influential Grand Bodies.

The Committee consists of seven Brethren, V.·. W.·. Brother J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary, being chairman. Alabama, 1904 and 1905, fell to the lot of Brother F. A. McMullen. And they fell into good hands, receiving kindly and courteous treatment.

The writer would express his high appreciation of the honor done him in the quotation, in full, of his remarks on the "Scottish question."

Bro. Michael Samson, M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

Bro. J. D. Stevenson, V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.

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41ST ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—NOVEMBER, 1905.

Bro. Luther H. Clarke, M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 226; Lodges U. D., 6; Membership, 10,121; Net gain, 690.

This rather ponderous but well printed volume, with its good large type, reflects great credit upon Grand Secretary Howard (P. G. M.), as well as upon the type-setter. Portraits—Grand Master Elect, Bro. Geo. W. McClintic; Grand Secretary, P. G. M., Bro. Hiram R. Howard; Past Grand Master, James J. Brown, and late Assistant Grand Secretary, Edwin L. Boggs—lastly, a fine picture of M.·. W.·. Bro. Atkinson.

Thirteen Special Communications had been held during the year for various purposes, viz: three for constituting Lodges, five for laying corner-stones, four for dedicating Lodge Halls, and one, we regret to see, for the purpose of conferring, "at

sight," all three of the degrees upon one person—in four hours and forty-five minutes, the work beginning at 9:45 P. M., and closing at 2:30 a m. If the candidate received and retained a clear conception of all three lessons, he was a remarkable man. We don't believe in the Lightning Express on the Masonic road of learning.

When the 41st Annual Communication was opened, November 15th, fifteen Past Grand Masters were found present to aid in making the meeting a success; also twenty-eight Grand Representatives attested their interest in Masonry by being at their posts. These last were received and honored in the usual manner. Alabama's was not reported as being represented. (Bro. Atkinson, where was our envoy, Bro. J. A. Miller? We note that, in the list of Grand Representatives of W. Va. near other Grand Lodges, the space opposite "Alabama is vacant. Bro. Dan A. Greene of Birmingham, Ala., is now your Representative near our Grand Lodge.")

Opening his address, the Grand Master said:

"With the Masonic world of West Virginia, the most satisfactory state of affairs has existed since the beginning of my term. Masonry is in the most prosperous condition; many new Lodges have been added to our Roll of Lodges; many new members admitted to our Mystic Circle, and as is apparent from the reports of our District Deputy Grand Masters, our Order is progressing surely and steadily, and with a healthy growth throughout our Grand Jurisdiction."

The Grand Master had granted twenty special dispensations, of which nine were for the purpose of waiving time in conferring degrees.

Among six dispensations refused was one case in which he "refused to a Lodge a dispensation to confer the degree of Fellow Craft upon a Brother who had allowed almost a year to expire before preparing himself for advancement, and was then prevented by an accident from appearing for advancement. Held, that he should petition and be balloted upon as to moral character, &c."

If the Brother was acceptable to the members, it seems that he should have been allowed to advance. If any member thought ill of him, the recourse of objection was at hand.

The Grand Master submitted the following decision, viz:

"(1). A profane who has lost the two last fingers of his right hand at the first joint is eligible for the Masonic degrees."

"(2). A candidate who has lost the third finger of his left hand is eligible for the 'Mysteries of Masonry.'"

"(3). When two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction within this Grand Jurisdiction, a member of either of said Lodges may object to the election of a profane by either of the other Lodges, and the petition cannot be acted upon until the objection is removed, or until the lapse of one year, when he may renew his application."

The Grand Master had, by dispensation, established four Lodges U. D.

He had not made as many visitations as he had desired or intended, having been prevented from so doing by pressing engagements.

The Grand Treasurer's total balance was the sum of \$9,015.08.

Grand Secretary Geo. W. Atkinson (P. G. M.) presented a thoughtful, painstaking report. He announced his resignation of that office, which he has most acceptably filled for twenty years, having been appointed to a federal office which necessitated his removal to Washington City.

As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he presented his annual review of Sister Jurisdictions, and also made known his resignation as Chairman of said Committee. Brother Atkinson's resignation entails a distinct loss upon the W. Va. Fraternity as well as upon the Guild of reviewers who recognize his sterling worth as a writer on Foreign Correspondence.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland was deferred on account of the fact that only a minority of the Lodges in that State had joined in the movement to establish an Independent Grand Lodge. It was hoped that, ere long, a sufficient number of the Queensland Lodges would unite in this movement to warrant recognition.

Consideration of the application of the Grand Orient of Brazil for recognition was postponed till next Annual.

A short report made by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence approved all the decisions of the Grand Master, and his official acts referred to the same committee were found conformable to Masonic law. Grand Lodge adopted the report of said committee.

The Grand Lecturer, in his brief report, complained that a few Lodges were sadly deficient in the work. He thought steps should be taken to compel those men to learn the work. The District Deputies, and the Deputy Lecturers made reports which were, on the whole, satisfactory.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to four Lodges U. D., and two such Lodges were continued U. D. till next annual.

It is seen in the report of the Finance Committee that the balance to credit of Masonic Home Fund amounts to nearly \$2,500.00.

With one accord the Brethren selected the City of Washington as the next place of Grand Lodge meetings.

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Past Grand Master, Geo Wesley Atkinson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his twentieth annual report, reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions—three for two years. Such papers as Bro. Atkinson submits in his reports, are a joy to the reader, for besides being excellent, discriminating synopses of the various volumes reviewed, they are printed in good large type, with the lines double leaded, making perusal of them a positive pleasure to the eye, while the mind of the reader is interested and instructed by our eminent Brother's judicious comments on subjects reviewed.

Alabama, 1904, is courteously and skilfully treated in a notice covering nearly four pages.

Grand Master Robt. J. Redden is highly complimented, and the writer is accorded greater commendation than he deserves, notwithstanding that he is very grateful to our Brother for his good opinion.

On many points we find ourselves in agreement with Brother Atkinson, at which fact we are glad, and take courage. But he has resigned both the Grand Secretaryship and Reporter's berth, to assume a Federal Judgeship to which he has been appointed.

Though sorry that the Craft must lose so wide awake, accomplished a writer for the Guild and so very efficient a Grand Secretary, we wish Bro. Atkinson every success in his new sphere.

Bro. G. W. McClintic, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. H. R. Howard, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

62D ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—JUNE, 1906.

Bro Jease C. Bradley, M. W. Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges 254—Membership 22,113—Net gain 867.

Number of Lodges represented this session 242.

Number of Past Grand Masters present 14.

Number of Grand Representatives present 44—Alabama left out.

Total number raised 1,348 for the year.

The reading of the address of the Grand Master, satisfies—brings with it a conviction that he studied closely the welfare of the Craft, and labored earnestly to promote its interests.

He touchingly mentioned the death of Brother E. M. Beach, Grand Trustee for many years, who died January 19, 1906, also the passing away of 289 Wisconsin Masons.

He had granted 70 dispensations—27 of them waiving constitutional requirement as to time limit on residence; and 22 of them waiving constitutional requirement as to time limit in conferring degrees, “*but not proficiency.*”

He gave the “Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm,” the “cold shoulder.”

Among his seven decisions submitted, we note that one of them was, that all officers—elected or re-elected—must be installed before entering or re-entering upon the duties of their respective offices.

Under his second decision, no dimitted member under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, need apply for membership in Wisconsin.

When an investigating committee learns that a petitioner for the degrees is an atheist, rules the Grand Master; “they should report their finding to the Worshipful Master and after he has satisfied himself that the petitioner is an atheist, he should order the petition returned, on the ground that the Lodge *has not jurisdiction.*”

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the Grand Master’s decisions except the first, which ruled that re-elected officers must again be installed. That one, the committee disapproved as unnecessary. Against the committee’s opinion we do not kick, it being now the practice of our Grand Lodge. The other decisions bring out nothing new.

On "Conditions of the Craft" the Grand Master says :

"The reports of the various officers will show a most gratifying condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction and in the affairs of this Grand Lodge."

Peace, harmony and prosperity never more prevalent—handsome assets, and plenty of ready money. We congratulate you, brother.

Ten Special Communications of the Grand Lodge had been held for the following purposes, viz: Dedicating halls, laying corner-stones, constituting Lodges, and for the funeral of Brother E. M. Beach, Grand Trustee.

Grand Lodge had disbursed for charity during the year \$1,799.50. The Lodges had contributed for the San Francisco sufferers \$4,322.75. To their praise be it said.

Wisconsin is to have a splendid Masonic Home, the munificent gift of Brother Willard A. VanBrunt—a 320 acre farm, one of the finest in the State, and "with its splendid location (about 30 miles from Milwaukee) buildings and equipment it is an ideal place for a Home."

The Grand Master expresses high appreciation of the labors of the Grand Lecturer, and reads a lecture to those Masters and Brethren who have failed to show proper attention to the Grand Lecturer's visits.

Respecting a certain trial case in —— Lodge, he calls the attention of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to improper language used by the Master of said Lodge in the Lodge room during the session thereof.

He does not close his address without paying high encomiums to the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. W. Percy, for "his many acts of courtesy, his wise counsel and unfailing devotion to Masonry and to the affairs of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Treasurer's total receipts for the year were \$36,051.39. Balance in bank, June 6, 1906, the sum of \$17,715.84. Permanent Charity Fund, June 6, 1906, was, after all disbursements, \$5,397.58. The total charity disbursements for the year were \$1,899.50 (\$100 having been added by two Lodges to the total stated by the Grand Master.)

In view of the success of a game of base ball between a certain Lodge and a certain Commandery K. T., the proceeds being devoted to increase of the Charity Fund, the Committee on Distribution expressed the hope that those "sturdy warriors" would

"soon again meet on the diamond and develop a new Casey at the bat, and further increase the Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge."

In his excellent report the Grand Secretary referred to a circular under seal from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, proposing a celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, June 24, 1717, and recommending that the said celebration be held on the 24th of June, 1917.

As that matter has been referred to by us heretofore, it needs not that we here repeat a reference thereto.

A feeling memorial on the life, character, death and burial of Edgar M. Beach, was presented and adopted by a rising vote. The report of the Committee on Obituary (well stocked with appropriate lines of poetry) was also adopted.

The Grand Lecturer reported having visited 125 Lodges. He says that the Lodges, on the whole, are in good working condition, and are doing considerable work. He objects to the re-election, year after year, for several years, of the same officers, because loss of such by death, might cause stagnation in Lodge work, and consequently indifference to Lodge affairs. He makes several wholesome suggestions.

When Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, the occasion was justly made use of by two P. G. M.'s in words of approbation which received the applause of the brethren present. Our Wisconsin brethren cannot too highly appreciate Brother Jenks' labors for Masonry.

By one of the brethren a resolution was offered, that a committee of seven on Codification of the Constitution be appointed by the Grand Master, said committee of seven to prepare and submit to next Grand Lodge a Masonic Manual of the three Symbolic Degrees, Funeral Service, Lodge of Sorrow, Ceremony of Laying Corner Stone, &c. Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which approved the same.

The short report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence offered a substitute for a proposed amendment to the Constitution, and edict submitted at the session of 1904, intended to provide for greater efficiency in dispensing Charity, and after unanimous consent granted it,

nd the entire report of the Jurisprudence Committee were adopted.

In a special report the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended denial of the request made by the Grand Lodge alle de Mexico for recognition. But on the other hand, recommended that recognition be accorded to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The committee strongly recommended to intending purchasers the Macay (American edition) Company, Park Row, New York, edition of R. F. Gould's Concise History of Free-Masonry. ll other American publications of said work are unauthorized—radical. Report adopted.

Among a few other things the Grand Lecturer submitted, for reference, the following:

"Worshipful Master's Degree."

"Proceedings 1898, page 101: 'There is no law of the Grand Lodge to prevent a virtual Past Master sitting in a convocation of Actual Past Grand Masters.'

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, at the Annual Communi-tion in 1903, page 78, reported as follows on the question:

"Some years ago this Grand Lodge held that a virtual Past Master might be present at a convocation of Past Masters. his position is contrary to sound principles of Masonic law and not supported by the writings of any Masonic jurist. It is unded on neither reason nor authority. Those who are virtual Past Masters only have no rights as such outside of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and should not be permitted to be present a convocation of Actual Past Masters."

(Sound to the core.)

Referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

In a supplemental report the Jurisprudence Committee firmied that a mere virtual Past Master could be installed Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and cited a decision affirmed by e Grand Lodge in 1876, as follows:

"Any Master Mason who has received the Past Master's degree in a Chapter is competent to be installed W. M. of a Lodge."

"As this has been the rule for thirty years we can see no reason for changing it."

If error has prevailed for thirty years, we respectfully ask, is at fact a reason for its continuance?

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Greetings from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina were accepted and the Grand Honors accorded her Representative.

\$1,000.00 were appropriated to be dispensed as charity by the Grand Master, as need might arise.

CORRFSPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks again furnishes an admirable report on Foreign Correspondence. His introduction teems with noble thoughts eloquently expressed. He closes his opening remarks with the following gems of thought:

"Whenever a friend is to take the first step in Masonry we desire to be present, and ever discover new beauties in the inspired allegory of the Master's degree, no matter how frequently it may have been presented before."

"Contemplating the verities contained in its lessons we feel ourselves drawn towards the Giver of All Good, and seem to catch a response to the inborn desire for immortality that lifts us above and distinguishes us from the brute creation. So, dear reader, if, in the perusal of the following pages, you find that which seems to be a mere repetition of the thoughts contained in former reports, or that is commonplace, remember that there are many readers who will in this report approach such reading for the first time, and that to them it will be a new world of Masonic literature. Also, try and see if, in the many gems of thought culled from the pages written by the best Masonic writers of the world, herein contained, you may not find new beauties hidden in old truths. If you can, we shall not have labored in vain."

It is too bad that we cannot give more space to this report, which is "full of meat;" notably, to his able discussion of mooted questions.

Alabama-1905 is accorded two and a half pages of fraternal remark. The writer is under many obligations for courtesy and kind notice, and is encouraged by so frequent agreement in opinion with Brother Jenks.

Bro. Edwin J. Farr, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. William W. Perry, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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Bro. Frank A. Luckfield, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 23. Present membership 1,800; gain 160.
On the first page of this volume we are introduced to Bro. M.

R. Johnston, Grand Master Elect—the face of a man of good, hard common sense.

During the year three special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

We begin our account of the Grand Annual with the remark that four Past Grand Masters evinced their interest in Masonry by being present at the communication under review.

From the exceptionally good address of the Grand Master we learn that two Lodges had been constituted, and that eight special dispensations had been granted—six of them having been for waiving time in conferring degrees, the reasons therefor being deemed, by the Grand Master, good and sufficient.

His decisions appear to the writer to be eminently correct. To occupy his attention with some of these questions would seem to have been altogether unnecessary.

He recommended that a committee be appointed to take preliminary steps looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home, said committee to report at next Annual.

He specially recommended that Grand Lodge enact, by resolution or otherwise, a prohibition against any charge for affiliation. Good!

Also, that Grand Lodge purchase twenty-five copies of the second edition of "Masonic Lodges of the World"—[Pantograph Printing and Stationery Co., Bloomington, Illinois—40 cents].

And he recommended that all approved decisions be printed in Appendix of Proceedings-1905.

R. W.: Grand Secretary Bro. W. L. Kuykendall's report shows that all the Lodges sent in their returns and dues promptly—that this is his nineteenth annual report—that on the roll of Grand Secretaries he is number twelve in seniority—that during his term of office membership has increased from 493 to 1,809. He has a right to be proud of his record and of the long continued confidence of his brethren.

Sept. 6, 1905, the Grand Treasurer had on hand cash to the amount of \$4,408.54.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge heartily adopted the decisions of the Grand Master—disapproved the making, at present, of life members, by the subordinate Lodges, also prohibited Lodges in Wyoming from conferring the E. A. Degree for Lodges outside of the Wyoming Jurisdiction.

After favorable report thereon, the several recommendations of the Grand Master were adopted.

We do not find any reference to his dispensations in the reports of committees.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing before it to report upon.

The city of Douglas was selected as the place for the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

It is a pleasure to know that Grand Secretary Kuykendall's salary was increased; also that he continues to be Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, again submits an able report reviewing the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges whose volumes have reached his table. When Brother Kukendall agrees with you he does it with alacrity, but when he disagrees, candor and fairness mark every line of his contention.

His review of Alabama-1904—M.: W.: Brother Robt. J. Redden's administration—never fails in its courtesy and brotherly kindness. He quotes approvingly, we take it, from the Grand Master's address, copies four of his decisions, and says:

"We consider them all sound, but do not think the second is the rule everywhere."

The decision of Grand Master Redden referred to follows: "Before a Lodge can sell its hall or lands it must get the consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

He approves the report of our Jurisprudence Committee in respect of an elected candidate against whom objections has been lodged, estopping the conferring of the degree, that "the candidate is in all respects in the same position as one rejected, and his initiation fee should be returned to him."

He thinks our Grand Lodge acted "Wisely in adopting an advance report of the Finance Committee upon a resolution exempting one from dues who had been a member for thirty years, or who had reached the age of 70 years."

With the writer, whom he kindly compliments on his work, (for which compliment the writer is very grateful) he, in several instances, concurs in opinion, but in two instances dissents. To

do our brother justice we extract what he says in those two cases. The first was in regard to receiving or declining to receive a petition for initiation. We had quoted the Alabama law on that subject, which he says "seems to bear out his (our) contention." We had also said, "When a petitioner is recommended and vouched for by two members of the Lodge in good standing it would seem to be scant courtesy to those two brothers who had vouched for the candidate to refuse to entertain the petition, especially as the other brethren have at hand the recourse of stopping the candidate by objection or by the suffrage of the ballot-box."

Brother Kuykendall comes at us thus:

"Leaving out the question that a Lodge should by action first receive such petition, as we and others have heretofore argued, it would seem that there is a strong case against the above comments of our brother. For instance, a petitioner is recommended by two members who do so of their own accord. The Lodge refuses to receive and refer the petition, thereby preventing their friend from being rejected, and saving time to the Lodge and a committee, besides shutting off a possible case of friction among members brought about through objection or an unfavorable ballot. Instead of the recommending brethren considering such refusal as a courtesy to them they should be thankful that their friend was saved from the humiliation of a rejection."

Well now, dear Brother, *would* those vouching brethren be disposed to say "thank you" for such a cut direct? "Put yourself in his place" is a very good motto. Ask yourself if you would not feel humiliated by the Lodge's refusal to entertain the petition of one whom you had vouched for as every way worthy of consideration, More could be said, but we forbear.

Again, Bro. Kuykendall says:

"To our dissent from the Alabama plan of submitting constitutional amendments to the subordinate Lodges for adoption or rejection, he says he does not believe in excessive centralization of power. Well, there must be more or less of such power somewhere, and it is certainly safer in the Grand Lodge than elsewhere. It being the creator of Lodges, it is certainly a singular proposition that its creatures should be allowed to prevent amendment of its organic law. We have never read a constitution or amendment adopted by a Grand Lodge that worked a hardship on Lodges, who have a direct voice in Grand Lodge. The argument that representatives can be influenced, is equally applicable to the membership of Lodges, especially where influ-

ential members drum up all their friends to defeat an amendment."

We frankly admit that our brother puts his case well; nevertheless, viewing the subject in all its aspects, our own view remains unshaken by the arguments of some of our ablest writers who have expressed a contrary opinion. Brother Kuykendall says "Grand Lodge is the creator of Lodges." True. Equally true is it that at its inception Lodges were the creators and Grand Lodge the creature.

We have marked several passages in this edifying review, for notice, but must content ourselves with a snap-shot or two.

Bro. Kuykendall thinks that Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Iowa, California, Wyoming and Kentucky were wise in abolishing the Grand Representative system. (Possibly they were otherwise).

He would favor doing away with the Past Master's degree in Symbolic Masonry. We are agreed, save that instead of abolishing the degree in Symbolic Masonry, we would have it eliminated from Capitular Masonry.

He does not admit that that a dimitted Mason is "free of the Guild."

It affords us pleasure to know that he is not one of those who deem prerogative superior to the concensus of the entire Craft.

The Grand Master of West Virginia had decided that a one-eyed man was ineligible for initiation. Our brother is of the opinion that a one-eyed man is vastly preferable to "one-eyed man."

In his conclusion Brother Kuykendall considers Brother Marcombe's suggestion of a congress or meeting of representatives from all the legitimate Grand Lodges of the world be held in London in 1917, being the bi-centenary anniversary of the first Grand Lodge of Speculative Masonry.

What Bro. Kuykendall says on the subject is deserving of careful consideration. In his opinion there would be imminent hazard of our representatives to such an assemblage, finding themselves sitting side by side with persons held by our Grand Lodges to be clandestine. He confesses himself to be a "doubting Thomas" in respect to the desirability of such a gathering.

Notwithstanding our admiration for Brother Marcombe, we,

like Brother Kuykendall, entertain serious doubts concerning the feasibility of such a scheme.

Bro. M. R. Johnston, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Much to our regret, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has failed to put in an appearance. Brother Wait was ever a welcome guest at our table.

A pamphlet from the "International Office of Masonic Intercourse," Berne, Switzerland, has been received, but since this Grand Lodge has declined to participate in the scheme inaugurated under the wing of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpine, we have not felt called upon to review the same.

In Conclusion: Our compliments to all the members of the Guild; and we invoke the blessing of the S. A. O. T. U. upon all regular Masons.

Fraternally submitted,
W. Y. TITCOMB, Chairman.

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NAMES AND NUMBERS OF LODGES,

With the number of members, amount of dues paid to the Grand Lodge, the number of those entered, passed, raised, affiliated, died, dimitted, suspended, etc., since last return.

Lodge Number.	NAMES OF LODGES		No. Members	No. of Ministers	Amt Dues Paid	Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
1	Helion	.	96	5	\$45 50	9	8	6	5	2	3	2	.	.
3	Alabama	.	19	1	9 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.
4	Rising Virtue	.	102	5	.	17	12	11	5	1	..	3	4	.
6	Moulton	.	29	4	12 50	4	4	5	1	..	1	1	1	1
7	Macon	.	35	4	15 50	4	4	4	..	..	1	1	.	.
8	Farrar	.	83	3	40 00	12	7	7	6	1	1	4	1	.
9	Gilead	.	32	.	.	4	4	4	1	..	7	..	.	.
10	Royal White Hart†	.	77	2	39 00	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Montgomery	.	90	.	45 00	14	12	13	2	..	1	.	.	.
14	Florence	.	114	5	54 50	10	8	5	6	4	2	4	10	.
16	Athens†	.	55	2	22 00	3	3	2	3	..	1	1	.	.
22	St. Albans*	.	29	1	25 50	14	12	10	..	..	5	.	.	.
24	George Washington	.	34	1	17 50	2	3	4	..	..	..	1	.	.
25	Dale	.	47	2	.	3	4	2	..	..	2	3	.	.
26	La'ayette	.	39	6	.	1	1	1	2	1	..	6	.	.
27	Selma Fraternal	.	98	4	47 00	13	3	3	6	2	2	3	11	.
29	Rising Sun*	.	93	1	92 50	7	6	1	1	2	1	4	..	.
31	Autanga	.	26	1	12 50	5	5	5	1	..	1	.	.	.
36	Washington	.	76	2	37 00	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	2	.
37	Courtland	.	47	5	.	8	8	8	..	..	1	.	.	.
39	Wetumpka	.	42	2	.	2	2	2	4	..	1	1	3	.
40	Mobile	.	120	4	58 00	8	6	4	2	1	4	1	.	.
41	Livingston	.	30	1	14 50	6	2	1	2	..	2	.	.	.
42	Hiram †	.	59	7	27 50	6	5	5	2	..	3	1	.	.
43	Leighton	.	20	7	6 50	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	.	.
46	Harmony*	.	81	6	74 50	2	1	4	3	1	3	2	2	.
49	Demopolis	.	75	4	35 50	8	4	5	5	..	2	2	.	.
50	Union	.	58	3	27 50	12	12	11	..	1	2	2	.	.
52	New Market	.	18	7	5 50	4	3	3	2	..	4	.	.	.
53	Greening	.	59	.	.	.	5	5	5	..	2	4	2	.
54	Amity *	.	60	7	54 00	4	3	3	..	..	3	.	.	.
55	Mt. Moriah	.	17	.	8 50	1	2	1	1	..	1	.	.	.
56	Troy	.	120	9	57 50	6	5	3	..	..	4	12	.	.
57	Tuskegee	.	39	1	19 00	8	8	8	2	1	1	.	.	.
59	Benton	.	18	.	8 50	1	.	.	.
62	St. Johns	.	136	5	65 50	6	5	5	2	..	3	5	..	.

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		No. of Ministers	Entered	Passed	Raised									
63	Social	13	11	50	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	3	2	..
64	Eureka	50	1	24	00	11	10	7	1	1	1	4
67	Hampden Sidney	82	4	14	00	2	1	2	..	..	1	2	11	1
69	Howard	84	2	41	00	12	11	10	1	..	1	1	1	..
70	Central	63	4	31	50	5	5	5	17	1	1	3	1	..
71	Dadeville (bal. 1905)	78	4	50	12	11	9	..	..	1	1	1	3	..
72	Widow's Son*	18	1	16	00	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..
74	Solomon	36	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
75	Cokerville†	30	1	12	00	..	..	9	..	1	..	2	..	..
76	Auburn	25	1	12	00	7	7	7	9	..	3	..	1	..
78	Crozier	23	4	..	..	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	..
79	Fredonia	18	2	8	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
80	Wilcox	17	1	8	00	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
81	St. Stephens	31	1	..	..	7	7	5	1	..	..	1	..	..
83	Friendship	38	4	17	00	5	3	2	2	2	..	2	..	..
84	Erophotic	30	1	14	50	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
88	Meridian Sun	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
89	Prattville	46	1	23	00	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	..
91	Henry	54	1	26	50	16	13	12	3	..	1	2	..	..
93	Sawyer*	46	7	45	50	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	..	..
95	Danville	33	4	14	50	3	3	5	2	1	2	..	..	..
96	Tuckabatchee	20	1	9	00	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..
97	Lozahatchee	115	5	55	00	1	2	2	3	..	3	5	3	..
98	Fulton	41	1	..	..	13	13	13	5	1	..	5	..	..
99	Salem †	15	..	6	50	3	3	2	1	..	2	1	..	..
101	Hartwell	56	5	25	50	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	..
104	Good Samaritan	25	..	12	00	2	1	1	1	2	2	5	3	..
105	Shiloh†	20	1	12	00	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
106	Hermon	26	1	12	50	4	4	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
107	Choctaw	16	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
110	Forest Hill	18	..	9	00	4	4	4	..	..	2	1	..	..
111	Sylvan	27	..	13	50	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..
112	Dean†	19	..	10	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
116	DeKalb*	20	4	16	00	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
119	Notasulga	32	6	13	00	1	2	2	2	..	3	2	..	..
120	Camp Hill†	27	1	10	50	2	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
122	Coffeeville	27	1	13	00	8	10	9	1	..	1	1	..	..
123	Moundville	25	5	10	00	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
125	Herndon	24	1	11	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
127	Bolivar	70	4	6	2	2	..	1	1
129	Geneva	61	2	29	50	5	5	4	1	5	2	9	2	1
131	Yorkville	52	2	25	00	10	10	10	1	1	1	..	3	..

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132	Roanoke *		43	2	37 50	7	7	7	1	5	1	3	3	1
134	Wiley		30	1	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
135	Columbia		50	3	2	2	2	2
136	Unity		34	2	16 00	3	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
137	Rockford		38	3	17 50	3	3	3	1	.....	1	2	3	1
140	Shelby		25	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
142	Baldwin		31	1	15 00	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
143	Burleson†		39	4	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
145	Fraternity*		32	3	26 00	5	5	3	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....
146	Missouri		16	1	7 50	5	3	3	.....	.....	2	5	.....	1
147	Rogersville		40	1	20 00	3	3	2	1	.....	1	1	4	1
148	Cold Water*		32	2	31 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....
149	Chambers		27	3	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....
151	Bladon Springs†		19	..	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
153	Monroeville		27	2	17 00	4	4	6	4	2	3	8	1	.....
154	Nixburg†		31	1	10 00	14	13	13	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
155	Eastaboga†		15	1	6 00	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
161	Penick*		19	..	30 50 11	12	13	8	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
162	Hendrix		16	..	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
163	Fayetteville Authentic*		19	..	17 50	5	3	2	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
168	Mount Hope*		32	6	23 00	8	9	10	1	1	2	.....	2	..
170	Elba†		72	1	37 00	7	4	5	2	.....	6	1	.....	.....
171	Ariton*		76	4	53 00	1	1	2	2	1	.....	5	1	..
172	Fellowship		56	2	26 50	6	6	7	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....
173	Andrew Jackson		208	7	100 50 22	20	15	7	7	6	2	2	2	..
177	Orion		32	4	14 00 10	9	8	.....	.....	3	4	1	.....	.....
178	DeSotoville*		21	1	22 50	3	4	3	.....	2	3	7	.....	.....
180	Mt Hilliard		10	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	5	..	.....	.....
184	Brundidge		38	1	18 50	9	9	8	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....
185	Mt. Eagle		28	2	12 50	3	3	3	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....
186	Ashville		26	3	12 00	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....
187	Land Mark		23	1	11 00	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....
188	Clintonville		28	1	13 50	2	2	2	2	.....	2	2	2	..
189	Delta		39	2	18 50	9	9	9	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....
190	Tombigbee		13	..	.....	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
192	Chattahoochee		37	1	18 50	3	1	4	7	1	.....	2	2	..
193	Hopewell		32	2	15 00	6	6	7	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
197	Hillabee (1904)		45	3	25 00	2	2	2	1	1	5	3	.....	.....
198	Caledonia†		14	..	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
199	Kilgee*		31	..	30 50	2	2	1	1
200	Sylacauga		58	3	4	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	..
201	LaPine*		30	1	28 50	2	1	1	1

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					Entered	Entered								
204	Pike Road	18		9 00	1	1	1
207	Eikmont	18	1	8 50	1	2	2	2
208	Alexandria	28	2	13 00	12	2	2	2	1	1	1	..
209	Marshall	37	2	17 50	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	..	..
211	York	61	4	29 00	10	0	2	4	4	1	..	2	..	..
212	Purman	20	2	9 00	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
214	Carrollton	46	1	22 50	11	11	11	3	..	..	1	..	..	..
218	Sam Dixon	92	5	43 50	2	3	3	2	..	..	5	..	..	..
219	Lineville†	59	7	25 50	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
221	Tensaw	25			1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
222	Western Star	34	3	15 50	5	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
223	Mt. Carmel†	25	1	10 00	6	5	5	5	..	1	..	3	3	..
224	Newton	32	3	14 50	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	3	3	..
225	Louisville	47	4	22 00	4	4	4	4	..	1	..	3	..	..
226	Sante Fe*	68	4	62 50	6	5	6	4	..	1	1	6	1	..
227	James Penn	37		18 50	12	2	2	2	..	1	..	3	..	..
228	Dallas	11	2	4 50	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
230	Bexar	38	1	18 50	8	5	5	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
231	Duck Springs	29	3	18 00	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..
233	Sepulga*	18		18 00	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	2	..	..
236	Gadsden	128	2	..	6	9	10	4	..	..	4	4	..	..
238	Fairmount	44	3	20 50	5	4	5	4	..	..	2	1	1	..
240	Bowen	39	1	19 00	1	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..
242	Coosa	63	3	30 00	6	5	4	..	..	1	..	4	..	..
243	Ramer	34	1	16 50	4	4	5	1	..	2	..	..	..	..
244	Dawson	27			7	7	7	1	3	6	3	..	..	..
245	John Payne	30	1	14 50	4	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
246	Harrison	39	3	17 50	10	9	8	1	..	..	1	5	1	..
247	Seddon	33	2	32 00	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	2	..	..
248	Lawrence	28	3	18 00	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	12	..	..
250	Amand	30	1	14 50	8	3	3	2	1	1	..	2	..	..
251	Honoraville	27	1	18 00	6	5	5	..	..	..	4	1	..	..
253	Rose Hill	23	2	10 50	4	6	6	..	..	1	..	2	..	..
254	Quitman	21	2	9 50	9	8	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
256	Gaylesville	39	6	16 50	4	4	5	2	3	3	1	1	..	..
257	Ervin	39	1	19 00	4	5	5	..	3	..	3	4	..	..
261	Talladega	69	5	33 00	13	11	8	6	..	2	1	4	..	..
264	Walnut Grove	33	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
266	Mt. Pleasant	17	2	6 00	1	2	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
270	Forest Home	42	1	22 50	3	3	3	..	2	1	2	1
271	Pen River	52	1	25 50	4	4	5	2	4
276	Bullock†	59	3	29 00	10	9	9	2	..	1	15

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Lodge Number	NAMES OF LODGES		No. Members	No. Ministers	Amt of Dues Paid	Entered	Passed	Canceled	Affiliated	Reaffiliated	Drea	United	Suspended	Expelled
277	Larkinsville	.....	30	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
278	Northern	.....	31	5	2	13 00	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	..
280	Springville	.....	37	7	15 00	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	..
281	Charles Baskerville	.....	78	9	..	11	12	12	5	2	1	2	1	..
285	Georgiana*	.....	49	6	42 00	5	5	1	2	1	3	1	..	..
287	Clinton	.....	43	6	19 00	9	8	10	..	1	1	3	5	..
290	Gillespie	.....	29	2	13 50	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
291	Fort Deposit	.....	39	1	19 00	3	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	..
301	Norris	.....	89	7	41 50	6	6	6	..	2	1	14	4	..
304	Winfield	.....	55	1	25 00	6	8	9	4	1	..	..	..	..
305	Central City	.....	45	..	22 50	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
320	Warrenton	.....	32	2	14 50	4	4	4	1	4	..	3	1	..
321	Bear Creek	.....	30	7	..	6	5	4	3	..	..	2	..	..
323	Holly Grove	.....	20	1	9 50	2	3	3	..	1	..	1	..	..
324	Oneonta	.....	31	4	..	..	5	6	5	1	..	..	2	..
331	Charity	.....	87	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
332	Blue Eye†	.....	27	3	12 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
334	Oliver	.....	74	5	37 00	23	21	21	3	1	..	3	..	..
335	Naufalia	.....	21	2	9 50	4	4	4	1	3	..	..	..	..
338	Georgiana Davis	.....	46	..	23 00	3	3	4	1	1	..	2	..	..
340	Clear Creek*	.....	16	3	12 00	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
341	Ragant†	.....	14	1	6 50	2	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..
344	Hamilton	.....	50	5	22 50	8	7	9	2	..	..	4	..	..
345	Echo	.....	60	2	29 00	4	2	2	..	1	..	3	2	..
346	Hurtsboro	.....	50	1	25 50	2	2	2	1	1	..	1	3	..
349	Ozark	.....	90	5	42 50	3	3	3	3	..	..	1	3	..
351	Wilson Williams	.....	63	..	30 50	7	7	7	1	4	..	2	4	..
354	Heaton	.....	27	5	11 00	1	1	1	..	2	..	11	..	..
355	Van Buren	.....	50	5	28 00	4	3	2	5	..	3	2	..	..
356	Ashland†	.....	45	2	14 50	12	9	7	3	3	1	1	..	..
357	Rutledge	.....	34	..	17 00	8	10	10	3	1	..	12	1	..
358	Barbour†	.....	21	..	11 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
359	Scottsboro*	.....	41	7	34 50	3	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
360	Newtonville†	.....	11	1	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
361	Town Creek†	.....	17	1	9 50	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	..
363	Chester	.....	40	2	20 00	6	8	10	3	1	1	1	2	..
364	Pleasant Site	.....	24	4	..	3	3	3	1	..	..	2	..	..
365	Houston	.....	33	4	14 50	2	2	2	2	..	..	5	..	..
369	Athelstan	.....	103	2	50 50	16	7	6	6	..	2	3	3	..
371	Russellville†	46	2	18 50	6	7	7	4	1	1	2	2	..
375	Gainesville	21	1	10 50	2	1	1	1	1
377	Lake City*	68	4	56 00	11	10	11	11	2	1	2	4	1

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378	Weogutka	.	68	..	33 00	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	..
379	Robert E. Lee	.	36	3	16 50	2	5	4	1	..	1	1	1	1
380	Ohatchee	.	31	..	15 50	1	1	2	..	1	1	1	1	1
381	E. H. Cook*	.	24	3	22 00	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1
383	Attalla	.	39	1	19 00	2	2	1	7	1	1	3	..	..
384	Birmingham Fraternal	.	288	6	141 00	31	31	29	8	9	7	12	17	..
386	Trinity	.	52	2	..	3	2	2	..	1	1	1	1	1
388	Newburg	.	33	..	16 50	10	12	9	..	1	..	2	..	..
389	Vernon	.	35	6	14 50	2	2	2	..	1	..	2	..	..
390	Weathers	.	30	2	17 00	3	3	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
391	North Border	.	30	3	13 50	3	2	2	..	..	1	1	1	1
392	Hickory Flat	.	20	..	9 00	4	4	4	1	..	2	2	5	..
393	Blount Springs	.	31	5	..	5	7	6	1	..	6	..	..	..
394	Valley Head	.	37	6	15 50	3	2	1	1	..	3	1	..	..
396	Falkville	.	35	5	15 00	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	2	..
397	Black Oak	.	25	1	14 00	4	4	3	1	..	1	2	..	..
398	Hartselle	.	47	6	20 50	9	8	8	4	..	2	5	1	..
399	Haw Ridge*	.	38	1	34 50	8	8	8	..	..	4	..	..	..
400	Hanceville	.	33	..	16 50	5	4	2	1	2	..	2	18	1
402	Green Hill	.	30	..	15 00	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
403	Childersburg†	.	17	1	8 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
406	Dorie	.	75	3	35 00	3	3	4	2	2	1	3	2	..
409	Hartford	.	92	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
410	Hel-na	.	53	2	25 50	4	4	5	..	1	2	7	5	..
411	Jemison*	.	50	3	44 50	7	7	7	1	..	3	..	..	..
412	Amberson	.	70	2	34 00	7	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
415	Oak Level†	.	23	..	12 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
416	Williamsburg	.	27	5	11 00	13	4	4	2	1	..	..	..	..
417	George Smith	.	32	1	15 50	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..
419	Hilton	.	40	4	18 00	1	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..
420	Broomtown*	.	29	3	21 00	15	14	10	..	2	..	2	..	..
421	Cullman Fraternal*	.	77	6	65 00	6	6	6	10	2	..	4	1	..
422	Shorterville	.	17	..	8 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
423	Clanton	.	54	5	24 50	2	2	1	2	..	1	3	..	..
425	Temple	.	53	8	23 00	3	3	2	2	..	1	2	..	..
428	Belgreen	.	21	..	10 50	2	2	2	1	..	1	2	1	..
429	Milo Abercrombie	.	18	..	9 00	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..
430	Albertville	.	22	1	10 50	2	3	4	3	..	..	1	..	..
431	Steel's Station	.	15	..	14 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
434	Andalusia	.	122	3	59 00	26	24	22	9	2	2	2	6	..
435	Ware (Bal. 1905)	.	56	..	50	6	6	6	2	1	1	2	1	..
436	Winston Star	.	22	1	..	2	3	3	1	2	..	3	1	..

NAME OF LODGES	No. Members		Am't of Dues Paid		Entered		Passed		Raised	Affiliated	Reinstituted	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Expelled
	No. Ministers	No. Ministers													
rt Payne	44	4	20	00	1	1	3	2	4	1	3	4	..	..	..
adland	70	8	31	00	6	4	4	3	1	18	2	..	..	..	..
unt Vernon	26	1	12	50	5	4	4	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
rney	41	5	18	00	5	6	6	2	..	1	4	2	..	..	..
niston	103	4	49	50	6	6	5	4	1	..	8	3	..	..	..
lera	36	1	17	50	..	..	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
eds	29	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
ylor	36	1	..	..	4	4	4	4	1	..	8	14	..	..	..
alburg	26	..	13	00	4	4	4	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
nkhead	18	1	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
xida	144	7	70	00	4	3	5	2	4	1	3	4	..	..	..
lomite	32	1	15	50	8	8	7	3	2	1	1	3	..	..	..
bson*	36	1	36	00	5	4	2	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..
e	60	..	30	00	3	3	3	6	..	2	4	5	..	..	..
ulah	41	4	18	50	4	3	3	1	1	2	1	2	..	..	..
m Thompson	23	1	11	00	7	6	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
rriet	16	2	8	50	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
ssemer	174	5	84	50	21	17	16	12	3	5	7	..	..	..	..
rdy Howle	59	4	27	50	9	10	10	2	4	..	6	..	..	..	..
ng Solomon	344	4	170	00	28	26	24	19	2	6	7	2	..	..	..
n Sims	19	..	9	50	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
rinthian	24	1	11	50	..	..	13	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..
dison	30	2	14	00	4	5	5	2	..	2	5	4	..	..	..
leyville	29	..	14	50	4	4	4	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
kman†	55	8	20	50	4	4	4	3	..	2	3	..	..	..	..
than	101	..	51	00	14	9	10	11	2	1	15	3	..	..	..
nnedy	21	1	10	00	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
thany	14	..	7	00	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
terprise	13	2	7	50	2	2	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
oke's Bluff	41	2	19	50	7	7	7	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
. Willing	21	2	9	50	4	4	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
ileyton	42	4	19	00	2	2	2	2	..	1	6	4	..	..	..
nton§	24	1	10	00	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
octor	75	6	34	50	6	7	7	2	1	1	5	1	..	..	..
atesville	43	1	..	..	3	4	4	1	8	1	4	3	..	..	..
ondale	70	2	..	..	15	16	12	2	..	1	1	3	..	..	..
nfroe	27	1	13	00	11	10	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
tin	66	2	32	00	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
ck Springs	12	2	5	00	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
st Lake	101	2	49	50	14	11	12	9	2	2	4	3
east Fork*	26	2	22	50	4	5	5	2	1	..	2
llport	25	7	10	00	1	1	1	2	..	1

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	Am't Dues Paid										
483 Davis Fraternal.....	54 1 26 50 9 4	4	4	6							
484 Lebanon.....	34 3 15 50 6 5	4	1	1							
485 Monroe.....	24 1 11 50 7 5	4	1	3							
486 Cedar Bluff.....	17 2 7 50 1 1	1	1	1							
487 Round Mountain.....	32 3 14 50 5 5	6	1								
489 Burnt Corn.....	40 2 19 00 4 3	6									
490 Mahan*.....	25 7 16 50 3 4	2									
491 New Decatur.....	102 3 46 50 12 11	9	6	2							
492 Wylam.....	75 1 37 00 5 7	7	1	4							
493 Ashford (Bal. 1905).....	42 1 3 50 8 8	4									
494 Carbon Hill.....	63 5 29 00 11 11	2	5	2	1	7	2				
495 Mt. Pinson†.....	20 1 9 50										
497 Sunny South*.....	21 1 21 50 2 1	1									
498 Bay Minette†.....	52 1 26 50 4 4	4	1								
499 Cleveland*.....	36 5 31 50 1 1	1	5								
500 Logan.....	26 2 12 00 9 11	6	2	1							
501 Delmar†.....	20 5 8 00 3 3	3									
502 Caldwell.....	63 6 28 50 5 5	4	3	1	3	10	6				
503 Sheffield†.....	54 3 24 00 4 5	5	2								
504 Midland City.....	45 2 21 50 2 2	2	1								
506 Irondale†.....	26 1 12 00		5								
507 George Morrow.....	32 2 15 00 4 4	4	2	2	2	1	2				
508 Mt. Signal.....	51 1 25 00 6 4	2	1								
509 Brookwood†.....	33 1 15 00 1 1	1	3								
510 Wilsonville*.....	32 1 29 50 1 1	1	3								
511 Johns.....	44 2 20 00 5 4	4	3								
512 Cunningham.....	44 1 11 00 1 1	1	1	1							
514 Cottonwood*.....	45 1 38 50 11 11	12	2								
515 James D. Truss.....	26 1 12 50 1 1	1	1								
516 Magnolia*.....	57 1 54 50 5 5	4	2	2							
517 East Bend†.....	1 1 4 00										
518 Davis.....	67 5 31 00 17 16	12	1								
519 Hewitt.....	43 2 20 50 5 5	8	3	3	3	14	2				
521 Gurley.....	49 3 23 00 3 3	3	1								
522 Carrington.....	20 2 9 00 1										
523 Almond*.....	33 1 31 00 3 2		3								
524 Berry.....	53 2 25 00 3 3	3	2	2							
525 Woodlawn Fraternal.....	78 1 39 00 5 6	6	7	4	6	1	3				
526 Hackleburg.....	24 5 3 4 5										
527 Middleton.....	28 2 13 00 1 3	4	1								
529 Brown's X Roads.....	43 2 21 50 2 4	5									
531 Muscadine.....	28 4 9 50 3 3	3	1	1	1	1	1				

NAMES OF LODGES	A'm Dues Paid										
	No. Members	No. of Ministers	Entered	Pasred	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstateed	Died	Limited	Suspended	Expelled
ligrant.....	56	3	26 50	5	6	8	4	..	1	1	..
zeman.....	29	3	13 00	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
ngor*.....	24	1	19 50	3	4	2	3	1	..	2	..
ring Hill.....	40	1	19 50	4	4	4	..	1	1	1	..
ont.....	34	1	17 50	2	1	1	..	..	1	3	..
swoka.....	82	1	16 00	1	1	3	..	1	..	1	..
right.....	40	1	19 50	4	4	4	3	..	1	7	2
Union.....	29	1	13 50	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..
Zion.....	38	2	21 00	5	5	5	..	..	1	..	..
dgeport.....	39	1	..	2	2	2	1	4	..	..	..
Clay Armstrong.....	34	2	16 00	5	6	6	..	..	1	..	1
C. Tompkins.....	30	..	..	6	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
iz.....	43	9	17 00	..	1	1	2	..	4	..	..
rmichael*.....	73	2	69 50	5	5	5	..	1	2	6	..
nney.....	80	2	39 00	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	..
ight.....	41	2	19 50	6	3	3	3	2	..	2	2
ithurst*.....	21	3	18 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
okside.....	55	..	27 50	6	6	6	..	1	1	4	..
ury.....	28	3	12 50	6	6	6	1	2	..	..	1
ne Hill.....	68	3	32 50	13	13	11	1	..	..	..	..
lly Pond.....	43	4	19 50	1	2	2	..	1	1	6	..
al City*.....	27	..	27 50	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..
llace Haralson.....	19	1	..	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..
rdova.....	29	..	14 50	6	5	6	4	2	..	2	2
sley.....	127	3	61 50	24	26	24	10	2	2	15	8
shaw.....	19	3	8 00	5	5	4	1	..	..	..	..
emon†.....	23	1	9 00	4	3	4	2	..	1	1	..
ey.....	32	5	13 50	3	3	3	1	1	..	1	1
rdo*.....	64	2	65 00	5	7	7	..	2	7	..	..
tion.....	21	2	9 50	3	3	3	2	..	2	..	..
o.....	25	..	12 50	4	5	3	1	1	..	1	3
itury.....	20	..	10 50	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..
laton*.....	18	4	13 00	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..
na Norton†.....	30	..	14 00	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
scot†.....	27	2	12 00	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
ector.....	47	1	28 00	5	4	4	..	..	1	1	..
ton.....	15	1	7 00	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
atoria*.....	35	..	36 00	2	2	2	..	3	..	7	..
ke.....	24	2	11 00	2	2	2	3	..
pton.....	28	4	14 00	4	4	3	2	8	..
net†.....	27	3	12 50
tifer.....	17	1	9 50	2	1	..

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Lodge Numbers	NAMEs OF LODGES		No. Members No. Ministers	Amt Dues Paid	Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Expelled
621	Fruitdale		24..	12 00	7	7	7	1	..	..	1	..	..
622	Ironaton		25 2	11 50	3	3	4	2	..	..	1	..	..
623	Robert J. Redden		19..	9 50	7	5	5	..	..	1	4	..	..
624	Samson		50 3	23 50	15	18	20	6	..	..	..	..	..
625	Lehigh		14 1	6 50	3	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	..
626	Dry Creek		14 3	5 50	6	7	7	..	..	..	1	..	..
627	Charles Haynes		23 1	11 00	6	4	3	2	..	..	3	1	..
628	Garden City, U. D.		11..		1	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	..
629	McCormack		34 1	16 50	6	6	6	4	..	..	1	..	..
630	Luverne		36 2	..	3	3	3	1	..	1	3	..	..
631	Hacoda, U. D.		43..	..	7	9	7	5	..	..	1	..	..
632	Franconia		18..	..	5	5	5	5	..	..	2	..	..
633	Huffman, U. D.		19..	..	3	4	8	4	..	..	..	..	..
634	Motley, U. D.		28 3	..	5	5	5	4	..	..	1	..	..
635	Sonora		22..	11 00	5	4	4	7	..	..	..	..	..
636	Birmingham Temple		145 9	68 00	136	100	90	41	..	..	..	..	..
637	Citronelle		13..	6 50	3	3	3	4	..	..	1	..	..
638	James Mills, U. D.		18 3	..	9	9	8	0	..	..	..	..	..
639	Sam Gibbons, U. D.		20 3	..	9	9	9	11	..	..	..	..	..
640	Sayre, U. D.		12 2	..	3	3	2	11	..	..	1	..	..
641	Scott, U. D.		8..	..	2	2	1	8	..	1	..	..	..
642	Waterloo, U. D.		18..	..	7	7	7	10	..	..	..	..	..
643	Ben M. Jacobs, U. D.		12..	..	4	3	3	9	..	..	..	..	..
644	Fairview, U. D.		22..	..	13	12	11	11	..	..	..	..	..
645	Glenwood, U. D.		15 1	..	4	4	4	11	..	..	..	..	..
646	Abernant, U. D.		8..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
647	Nix, U. D.		14 1	..	9	9	2	12	..	..	..	..	..
648	Webb, U. D.		10..	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..
649	Black Rock, U. D.		12..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..
650	Arkadelphia, U. D.		11..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
651	Lamar, U. D.		9 2	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
652	Ranburne, U. D.		7..	..	4	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
653	Celestia, U. D.		8..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
654	Dement, U. D.		9..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
655	Excel, U. D.		9..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..

*Dues paid for 1905 and 1906.

†Dues paid for 1905 only.

‡Dues paid for 1904 and 1905.

§Dues paid for 1904 only.

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RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members.....	18,191
Number of Ministers.....	987
Amount of Dues Paid.....	\$8,258 50
Number Entered or Initiated	2,207
Number Passed.....	2,042
Number Raised.....	1,975
Number Affiliated.....	935
Number Reinstated.....	281
Number Died.....	823
Number Dimitted	965
Number Suspended.....	879
Number Expelled.....	10

(Membership of twelve (12) Lodges—Numbers 10 88, 112, 140, 143, 198, 324, 332, 409, 495, 500 and 576 are estimated, the annual returns not having been received.)

REINSTATED.

Helion, No. 1: George I. Motz, James H. McCoy.
Alabama, No. 3: Robert F. Lowery.
Rising Virtue, No. 4: H. P. Walker.
Farrar, No. 8: James Luke
Florence, No. 14: James Murdock, William Holland, Andrew Williams, Preston Williams.
Lafayette, No. 26: W. H. Compton
Selma Fraternal, No. 27: James Barr, James B. Walker.
Rising Sun, No. 29: E. J. Conyngton, Thomas D. Wilkinson
Washington, No. 36: Edward W. Gilfillan, Benjamin F. Davis,
John Sherrod.
Mobile, No. 40: George W. Spotwood.
Harmony, No. 46: Moses Alexander.
Union, No. 50: Louis J. Adler.
Tuskegee, No. 57: John B. Bilbro
Eureka, No. 64: James G. Stubbs.
Hampden Sidney, No. 67: James A. Ross.
Central, No. 70: H. L. Busby.
Dadeville, No. 71: Thomas B. Forgason.
Widow's Son, No. 72: Siegfried Long.
Friendship, No. 83: Geo. W. Cleveland, John T. Ellison.
Erophotic, No. 84: John J. Murphey.
Prattville, No. 89: F. H. Cobb, Hugh Cobb, John N. McBride.
Sawyer, No. 93: Will T. Huckabee, Lewis C. Huckabee.
Danville, No. 95: David Thomas Stover, Samuel L. Linley.
Tuckabatchee, No. 98: McDonnel G. Chadwick.
Fulton, No. 96: Henry C. Hatcher.
Hartwell, No. 101: Lucius L. Allen, Frank M. Cary, Alonzo L. Higginbotham.
Good Samaritan, No. 104: Andrew H. McIntosh, Archibald T. Fuller.
Shiloh, No. 105: Charles M. McMannis.
Sylvan, No. 111: Nathaniel G. Holley.
DeKalb, No. 116: James L. Pace.
Bolivar, No. 127: Thomas E. McMahan.
Geneva, No. 129: John T. Coleman, Pinkney N. Hickman,
Solomon Newson, James T. Weeks, Abner R. Chapman.

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Roanoke, No. 132: Wm. A. Burden, James W. McDonough,
Shirley N. Sledge, Smiley S. Smith, William V.
Taylor.

Wiley, No. 134: John E. Boswell.

Unity, No. 138: Joseph M. Kirk.

Coldwater, No. 148: James M. Davenport.

Monroeville, No. 153: Andrew M. Leslie, John W. Rumbley.

Nixburg, No. 154: John H. Gilliland.

Fayetteville Authentic, No. 163: Claud O. Looney, Thomas H.
Pitts.

Mount Hope, No. 168: Wm. Bradford, Daniel V. Donaldson.

Ariton, No. 171: N. F. Monk.

Andrew Jackson, No. 173: Jno. L. Anderson, A. J. Bell, A. W.
Blue, Jno. M. Burch, D. W. Crawford, O. W. Spear.
G. L. Werth.

DeSotoville, No. 178: Samuel V. Horn, Lewis R. Smith.

Ashville, No. 186: Thomas H. Hyatt.

Chattahoochee, No. 192: Thomas W. Wallace.

Hopewell, No. 193: Andrew J. Armstrong, Andrew L. Barnett,
William W. Eidson.

Hillabee, No. 197: William F. Heard.

Sylacauga, No. 200: Amaziah E. Burns, John E. Caudle, Francis
B. Fulmer, Geo. W. Herd, Henton C. Zuber

Marshall, No. 209: Leon McCord.

York, No. 211: Thomas L. Sowell.

Mt. Carmel, No. 223: Jefferson D. Neal.

Newton, No. 224: William T. Sims.

Louisville, No. 225: James A. Lampley.

James Penn, No. 227: Albert S. Steagall.

Dallas, No. 228: William J. Haywood.

Bexar, No. 230: John F. Spearman.

Duck Springs, No. 231: William T. Belchire.

Coosa, No. 242: M. Ben. Avant.

Dawson, No. 244: William Jernigan, James P. Nichols, Rufus
D. Shell.

John Payne, No. 245: Allen J. Atkins.

Seddon, No. 247: P. B. Mize, J. W. Williamson.

Amand, No. 250: J. G. Barber.

Gaylesville, No. 256: Edward H. Emerson, Charles W. With-
erspoon, William C. Hill.

Ervin, No. 257: Leonidas M. Dobbs, Joseph C. Pike, John L. Wright.
Forest Home, No. 270: James Monroe Smith, Ira Y. Trayweek.
Northern, No. 278: James W. Overton.
Springville, No. 280: George F. Fisher, Griffin D. Robertson.
Georgiana, No. 283: Samuel D Majors, Allie C. Shell, M. G.
Clinton, No. 287: Charles A. Loftin
Norris, No. 301: George S. Brady, Nathaniel Miller.
Winfield, No. 304: Isaac Perry.
Warrenton, No. 320: Major Couch, J. W. Fennell, Gus May,
Samuel Wiles.
Holly Grove, No. 323: James A. Beason.
Oliver, No. 334: William W. Goodman.
Nanafalia, No. 335: Robert Clanton Gillespie, James David
Jones, James Nathan Fortner.
Georgiana Davis, No. 338: Joseph B. Edwards.
Clear Creek, No. 340: William Dodd, Jr.
Echo, No. 345: William Smith.
Hartsboro, No. 346: T. G. Burch.
Ozark, No. 349: R. B. Rushton, J. E. Bledsoe, Marion Dowling,
E. B. Ard, A. G. Skipper.
Wilson Williams, No. 351: W. Thos. Gilbert, Jas. F. Thippett,
W. R. Lavender, J. Lambert Jones.
Heaton, No. 354: James F. Walden, George H. P. Cooper,
Ashland, No. 356: A. A. Northen, H. A. Wilson, Michael N.
Manning.
Rutledge, No. 357: James I. Brook, Thomas A. Capps.
Town Creek, No. 361: William A. Norton.
Chester, No. 363: W. H. Chappell, T. J. McKenzie
Russellville, No. 371: John W. Ligon.
Lake City, No. 377: John R. Cravey, James T. Manning,
L. Cawthon, James H. Cravey.
Weogufka, No. 378: Eason B. Daniel.
Attalla, No. 383: Major P. White.
Birmingham Fraternal, No. 384: Smith Adkins, John S.
Clements, Oliver G. Cummings, Henry T. Hughes,
John B. Luckie, Campbell H. Miller, Archie J. Rid-
dle, Hugh Smith Edward E. Davis.
Trinity, No. 386: E. C. Rosamond.
Newburg, No. 388: Edwin W. Sockwell.
Valley Head, No. 394: William J. Hammon.

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Black Oak No. 397: Thomas Rains.
Hanceville, No. 400; David Quick, Frank W. Ullrey.
Doric, No. 408: George M. Herrington, Joe Creamer.
Helena, No. 410: William Penhale.
Williamsburg, No. 416: Phil Cash.
Broomtown, No. 420: James L. Leath, May M. Tallent.
Cullman Fraternal, No. 421: M. M. Hestlo, J. D. Wilhite.
Milo Abercrombie, No. 429: John A. Wells.
Andalusia, No. 431: Rubin Hart, John W. Woodham.
Ware, No. 435: James A. Goggans.
Winston S.ar. No. 436: Carroll S. Donaldson, Francis Marion
Revis.
Fort Payne, N. 437: William N. Ewing, Anthony B. Green.
Robert L. Jackson, Reuben G. Newsome.
Headland, N. 438: William W. Snead.
Mount Vernon, No. 439: George W. Black
Anniston, No. 443: Thomas L. Glenn.
Calera, No. 445: H. C. Martin, O. C. McCollum.
Taylor, No. 447: Madison D. Swann.
Florida, No. 450: John H. Scarbrough, Jos. Hart, Wm. A.
Gibson, Wm. R. Bailey.
Dolomite, No. 452: William R. Thomas, William H. Thomas.
Beulah, No. 455: James W. Bowles.
Bessemer, No. 458: J. C. Burgin, J. E. Briggs, J. M. Perkins.
Hardy Howie, No. 459: Wattie Thomas, Swift, Thomas D.
Halpin, James H. Fullerton, Jacob R. Hardy.
King Solomon, No. 460: Thomas Alonzo Stewart, Jesse C.
Thompson.
Dothan, No. 466: Robert C. Granberry, Thomas S. Barnes.
Hoke's Bluff, No. 470: Thomas J. Wofford, James A. Penny.
Mt. Willing, No. 471: Benjamin Franklin Kilgore.
Blocton, Fo. 474: Eli Shortridge.
Deatsville, No. 475: H. H. Luther, W. A. Roe, J. B. Tatum,
Millard F. Berry, S. H. Mann, William H. Nixon,
William W. Worrell, Bert Higgins.
Guin, No. 478: James A. Trim.
East Lake, No. 480: William P. Halter, Andrew Jackson Hitt.
Locust Fork, No. 481: Francis Tidwell.
Lebanon, No. 484: William T. Vass.
Monroe, Nc. 485: John F. Burson, Geo. W. Lyon, Thomas N.
Piggott.

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- Mahan, No. 490: D. W. Burleson.
New Decatur, No. 491: C. J. Hildreth, Geo. W. Young.
Wylam, No. 402: John Syx, Andrew C. Lusk, John Murphy,
R. Salter.
Carbon Hill, No. 494: L. G. Leggett, E. H. Price.
Sunny South, No. 497: Joseph E. Smyley.
Caldwell, No. 502: M. S. Stephens.
Irondale, No. 506: Ben. F. Wood.
George Morrow, No. 507: Walker Blair, Alfonso R. Morrow.
Magnolia, No. 518: William M. Harris, John T. White.
Hewitt, No. 519: James K. Cook, Thomas Rensford, G. B.
Springfield.
Berry, No. 524: G. M. Baker, J. W. Bagwell.
Woodlawn Fraternal, No. 525: James S. Bolton, James H.
Newman, Felix M. Wood, Joseph M. Frazier.
Brown's X Roads, No. 529: Thomas B. Love.
Muscadine, No. 531: Melvin F. Smith.
Bangor, No. 535: William H. Jett.
Wewoka, No. 539: Jeff J. Henderson.
Bridgeport, No. 543: Thomas M. Jenkins, William E. Ander-
son, Glenwood Preble, Alexander Walker.
Carmichael, No. 548: A. S. Hearns
Carney, No. 549: Edward C. Wheat.
Dwight, No. 550: Fletcher Thomas, Jesse F. Thomas.
Brookside, No. 552: A. H. Williamson.
Asbury, No. 558: William C. Marshall, Berry I. Smith.
Holly Pond, No. 555: Jesse J. Crambley.
Cordova, No. 559: P. S. Leonard, Jno. T. Phillips.
Ensley, No. 560: Geo. A. Collins, William Hurt, W. B. Vickers.
Isney, No. 563: Millege Beckton.
Clio, No. 566: William A. Tyler.
Anna Norton, No. 569: John C. Lessin.
Victoria, No. 573: James R. Burrows, Joseph N. Morgan, Ed-
ward Metcalf.
Olive; No. 606: Dewitt A. Parker, William C. Haynes, Travis
G. McKinnin, Jasper J. Boyd, Jackson J. Fossett

APPENDIX.**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.**

Alabama No. 3: James C. Finch, Robert F. Lowery.
Rising Virtue, No. 4: J. D. Guyton, John O. Kelley, W. J.
Cronier, A. M. Jenkins.
Moulton, No. 6: J. T. Masterson.
Farrar, No. 8: Walter C. Lansford.
Florence, No. 14: Robt. Cronch, Wm. Harlow, Johnson Hewitt,
John Mitchell, Samuel Ines, M. B. Parkinson, Geo.
Ridgeway, George Ridny, Thomas Ingrain, Joseph
Phillips.
George Washington, No. 24: L. L. Lyon, W. J. Powell.
Selma Fraternal, No. 27: Ephraim S. Garrett, Samuel J. Gar-
rett, Charles H. Hopkins, George W. Jenkin-
Thomas G. Keenan, Robert M. Marler, Archie W.
Newman, James H. Pruitt, James M. Rhoades,
Claude C. Stewart, Wm H. Smith.
Washington, No. 36: William F. Basden, Thadeus C. Saunders.
Wetumpka, No. 39: Elisha M. Cain, John Cain, Christopher C.
Edwards.
Hiram, No. 42: J. M. Agee.
Leighton, No. 43: William H. Ford, John A. P. Robinson.
Harmony, No. 46: Phillip N. Napper, Nicodemus Shelly.
Greening, No. 53: John D. Burnett, Ward W. Carter.
Social, No. 63: Fielder L. Merritt, John J. Taylor.
Hampden Sidney, No. 67: John W. Wilson.
Central, No. 70: George W. Moreland.
Dadeville, No. 71: Fielder Shepard, John H. Sanford, Hal W.
Craddock.
Auburn, No. 76: William Frazer.
Crozier, No. 78: Emery L. Williams.
Fredonia, No. 79: Belve R. Williams.
Prattville, No. 89: John N. Bateman, John N. McBride.
Lozahatchee, No. 97: Eugene K. Lusk, John J. Mastin.
Good Samaritan, No. 104: John W. Dobbs, Caleb A. Webster.
Shiloh, No. 105: J. W. Morgan, John F. Miller, Thomas H.
Skinner.
DeKalb, No. 110: William R. Johnson.
Geneva, No. 129: Marcus L. D. Crews, John Stark.
Yorkville, No. 131: Francis M. Bell, William A. Lawrence,
Francis M. Vails.

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- Roanoke, No. 132: Thomas S. Foster, William F. Ussery, Mat L. Whitfield.
Wiley, No. 134: Will M. Ellis.
Columbia, No. 135: Nathaniel Q. Oakley, John F. Davis.
Rockford, No. 137: Geo. W. Batson, W. B. Carden, G. L. Carlton.
Rogersville, No. 147: James P. Jones, William M. Thornton, B. W. Watson.
Monroeville, No. 153: McLean Conoly.
Hendrix, No. 162: Alfred Mitchell Sanders.
Fayetteville Authentic, No. 163: Martin Taylor.
Mount Hope, No. 168: Robert M. Young, Wallace Wear.
Ariton, No. 171: H. R. Jernigan.
Andrew Jackson, No. 173: A. D. Sayre, J. E. Worswick.
Orion, No. 177: J. H. Stephens.
Mt. Hilliard, No. 180: Actens Beasley, Benj. J. Dismukes, James F. Hart, William E. Lightfoot, John C. McCreley.
Mt. Eagle, No. 185: Joseph T. Mountain, John G. Lindsey.
Clintonville, No. 188: Robt. A. Brown, Joseph H. Fussell.
Chattahoochee, No. 192: Joseph Donrough, John J. Floyd.
Hillabee, No. 197: Hugh E. Jones.
Sylacauga, No. 200: William F. Burk, Daniel L. Clifton, Andrew J. Notestine, George M. Wheeler.
Lapine, No. 201: Richard H. Davidson.
Alexandria, No. 208: William N. Jones.
Mt. Carmel, No. 223: James S. Owens.
Newton, No. 224: Richmond L. Jones, Frederick Tuxworth, Joseph W. Wright.
Santa Fe, No. 226: Archie L. McLeod.
Dawson, No. 244: James Hughes, Giles Hughes
Amand, No. 250: W. W. Gray, T. J. Travic.
Honoraville, No. 251: Dan Y. McCormack.
Rose Hill, No. 253: John R. Sursey, Duncan Ansley.
Quitman, No. 254: George W. Lowry.
Gaylesville, No. 256: George W. Wesley.
Ervin, No. 257: John Keeton, A. S Sparks, Henry J. Townley, John H. Pool.
Talladega, No. 261: William M. Frank, William F. Handley, John S. Harris, Henry B. Jones.
Forest Home, No. 270: Levi M. Oswalt.

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Northern, No. 278: James W. Watson, Walter O. Carpenter.
Springville, No. 280: George M. Truss.
Georgians, No. 285: George W. Lee.
Clinton, No. 287: Franklin O. Deese, William A. Lewis, Alexander P. McLean, Frank L. Thomas, John S. Whigham.
Norris, No. 301: Byron L. Anderson, Thomas J. Miller, Fred W. Seelye.
Warrenton, No. 320: Marion F. Harden.
Holly Grove, No. 323; James A. Beason.
Charity, No. 331: Henry L. Hicks, John F. Walker.
Echo, No. 345: Uriah W. Balkcom, Jefferson D. Preston
Hurtsboro, No. 346: J. J. Opry, J. W. Pace, Jno. Paschal.
Ozark, No. 349: B. P. Garner, J. E. Acker, H. B. Dowling.
Wilson Williams, No. 351: Chas. U. Gullatt, George W. Johnson, John F. Newsome, W. W. Sessions, John V. Calhoun.
Heaton, No. 354: William D. Johnson.
Town Creek, No. 361: Benjamin T. Etheridge, James P. Hall, James E. Maples.
Chester, No. 363: John D. Collins, S. C. Davidson.
Athelstan, No. 369: Thomas F. Groom, Chas. E. Pearce, Phillip K. Urquhart.
Russellville, No. 371: Thomas I. Duncan, Joseph B. Grisham.
Gainesville, No. 375; Isaac Mayfield Crump.
Lake City, No. 377: J. W. Miller, J. T. Manning, Henry Kelly, Dave Clary.
Robert E. Lee, No. 379: J. William Williams, Jesse Boyd, James R. Eddins.
Ouatchee, No. 380: Lee A. Kennedy.
E. H. Cook, No. 381: M. A. Boynton.
Birmingham Fraternal, No. 384: Joseph V. Allen, Allen M. Ashmore, William H. Beatty, John D. Brown, Wm. C. Bryant, Robert H. Carter, Joseph T. Collins, Thomas J. Cook, Charles E. Graham, John H. Johns, John K. Lindsay, Alex. P. McClure, Miles S. Miller, Isaac H. Moore, Wm. G. Motlow, Charles M. Roys, Wm. H. Scheler.
Trinity, No. 386: H. B. Brewer.
North Border, No. 391: R. O. Black.

Hickory Flat, No. 392: A. M. Coll, W. A. Vinson, O. R. Strickland, F. P. Dunkin.
Falkville, No. 396: John W. Britnell, George L. Couch, G. Walker Peck, Walter S. Powell.
Black Oak, No. 397: Thomas Rains, James M. Stephens.
Hanceville, No. 400: George Chandler, W. C. Damron, H. M. Gibbs, John J. Griffith, Thomas E. Hays, Thomas C. King, William B. Moore, P. M. McNese, John R. May, David Quick, John O. Towles, A. Green Towles, Frank W. Ullrey.
Doric, No. 406: David A. Freeman.
Helena, No. 410: John T. Ballard, Polk D. Lee, Clarence A. Rue, James Shepard, Henderson H. Self.
Cullman Fraternal, No. 421: L. Mullins.
Temple, No. 425: Robert H. Evins, Samuel A. Price.
Belgreen, No. 428: Robert J. Richardson.
Ware, No. 435: O. Y. Garrett.
Winston Star, No. 436: Thomas Wesley Cooper.
Fort Payne, No. 437: Henry M. Schellenburg.
Headland, No. 438: Shady T. Crocket, M. I. Nisbit.
Forney, No. 440: John P. Terry, James J. Baker.
Anniston, No. 448: Lawson J. Cochran, E. A. Womack, Duncan Calhoun.
Taylor, No. 447: Marcus Behrman, Charles Burnes, William B. Davidson, Arthur Mathis, John McLendon, John Paulk, Richard S. Sanders, Benjamin F. Smith, Daniel S. Smith, James A. Speights, Redic Branton, William H. Reaves, John T. White, L. M. White.
Florida, No. 450: Jos. F. Hagood, H. H. Hagood, B. F. McPherson, John B. Stagg.
Dolomite, No. 452: Edward Lewis, Jr., Samuel M. Meigs, William R. Thomas.
Lee, No. 454: Benj. A. Cooper, Louis M. Cooper, Jos. L. Renfro, Robert C. Roy, John H. Stephens.
Beulah, No. 455: Wade K. Wheelis, W. Jack Yarbrough.
King Solomon, No. 460: Howell Collier Bullock, Willis Dwight Colby.
Addison, No. 463: Gilam A. Hamrick, John W. Gains.
Dothan, No. 466: David Douglas, Allen J. Carroll, J. D. Logme.

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Baileyton, No. 472: James N. Bright, Pinkney J. Corley, Carson A. Tennason, William M. Yarbrough.
Stanton, No. 473: John W. Butterby.
Blocton, No. 474: M. Graham Tatum.
Deatsville, No. 475: H. H. Luther, W. A. Roe, J. B. Tatum.
Avondale, No. 476: John Morgan Bradley, W. S. Faulkner, J. C. Oakley.
East Lake, No. 480: E. J. Grover, Thomas J. Martin, John T. Vincent.
Davis Fraternal, No. 483: David M. Morgan.
New Decatur, No. 491: Orlauda Coleman, Thos. G. Harris, William Duke, Chas. E. Hay, William Sincerbox, Charles S. Shuford.
Carbon Hill, No. 494: Pat Callahan, E. H. Price.
Sunny South, No. 497: George T. Hunnicutt, H. Clinton Pearson.
Bay Minette, No. 498: John A. Green.
Logan, No. 500: G. W. Neal.
Delmar, No. 501: Alexander S. Palmar.
Caldwell, No. 502: Wyatt U. Almon, John W. Hunnicutt, Henry R. Hix, Eli W. Landers, James R. Moore, Sidney L. Williams.
Mt. Signal, No. 508: John F. Lancaster.
Magnolia, No. 516: Daniel S. Butts.
Hewitt, No. 519: Charles Edge, John D. Welch.
Gurley, No. 521: James P. Scott, Walter A. Gevins.
Almond, No. 523: James W. Wood
Woodlawn Fraternal, No. 525: Joseph M. Frazier, William D. Mitcham, Fredland H. Parsons.
Muscadine, No. 531: Doctor J. Terrill.
Sulligent, No. 532: Eugene Toombs Cato.
Bangor, No. 535: James H. Henegar, William H. Absher.
Searight, No. 540: W. J. Campbell, W. A. Campbell.
Mt. Union, No. 541: William G. Miller.
H. Clay Armstrong, No. 544: J. B. Atchison.
Dwight, No. 550: Judson William Dunaway, Edgar L. Wood.
Cordova, No. 559: Silas W. Miller, Wm. Sheinclelln.
Ensley, No. 560: John Bell, C. M. Hughes, James S. Knight, L. M. Lathan, T. B. Payne, Thos. L. Sugg, W. L. Rosamond.

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- Clio, No. 566: Robert M. Lee, James C. Robinson, William J. Hand.
Jenifer, No. 577: Lemuel L. Dameson.
Herbert, No. 579: William R. Rice.
Reuben, No. 581: William M. Oswalt.
Wilson Shealy, No. 584: Jesse Ellington.
Odom, No. 585: Thos. R. Roulhac, Jr.
Blacksher, No. 593: Rural Cumbie.
Dolcito, No. 596: James E. Blackburn, Thomas L. Lacy.
Olive, No. 606: Charles W. Chambers, John L. Finley, James T. Roebuck, Travis McKinnon.
W. T. Underwood, No. 612: W. T. Elliott.
Oak Grove, No. 617: J. M. Hyche.

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Lozahatchee, No. 97: James A. Wilkerson.
Good Samaritan, No. 104: Henry C. Lee.
Rogersville, No. 147: William M. Thornton.
Penick, No. 161; John P. Edwards.
Elba, No. 170: John G. Foxworth.
Hillabee, No. 197: John W. Bullard, Chas M. Simpson.
Sylacauga, No. 200: Frank H. Kaupp.
Dawson, No. 244: L. P. Parker.
Harrison, No. 246: Augustus Hughes.
Seddon, No. 247: T. P. Downey, B. T. White.
Norris, No. 301: E. V. L. Finch.
Hickory Flat, No. 392: Preston C. Collier.
Hartselle, No. 398: Stark Reynolds.
Hanceville, No. 400: H. M. Gibbs.
Doric, No. 406: John Jackson Salter.
Fort Payne, No. 437: John M. Cook, Philmer B. Green, Elias S. Killian.
Addison, No. 463: John L. Burch, John D. Cantrell.
Mt. Signal, No. 508: James J. Foster.
Davis, No. 518: George W. Higgins.
Browns X Roads, No. 529: Thomas B. Love.
Bozeman, No. 584: E. D. Wamble.
Bangor, No. 535: James W. B. Powell.
Carney, No. 549: Mark C. Fulmore.
Asbury, No. 553: John A. Carroll,
Ensley, No. 560: J. H. Holden.
Brilliant, No. 601: Thomas A. Bryan.
Abernethy, No. 615: Edward C. Clayton.
Battelle, No. 618: John F. Guffey.
Chas. Haynes, No. 627: Dennis E. Bosarge.
Motley, No. 634: Robert R. Gay.

EXPELLED.

ilton, No. 6: John H. Brewer.
eva, No. 129: William C. Allred.
ey, No. 184: Veridia A. Pool.
kford, No. 137: O. N. Dobbe.
ersville, No. 147: Willis W. Waddle.
mount, No. 238: Henry M. Ward.
ledge, No. 357: John F. Bush.
e City, No. 377: William M. Cransley.
burg, No. 388: McE. Ratliff (F. C.)
ceville, No. 400: Wilce Sherley.
ton, No. 575: John W. Andrews.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

- Helion No. 1: Daniel Coleman, June 29, 1906, Samuel H. Lowry, June 7, 1906, Benjamin F. Laxson, Aug. 11, 1906.
- Alabama No. 3: Wm. A. Whistenhant, July, 1906.
- Macon No. 7: Caleb J. Fleming, July 15, 1906.
- Farrar No. 8: George Washington Smith, April 8, 1906, aged 73 years.
- Florence No. 14: Thomas E. Barry, Nov. 1905 Bayless Shone, Oct. 1905.
- Athens, No. 16: Daniel T. Phillips, Aug. 12, 1906.
- Dale No. 25: James Tait Beck, May 6, 1906, Reginald Heber Dawson, July 11, 1906
- Selma Fraternal No. 27: Edward S. Gatchell, May 2, 1906, aged 41 years, Reese D. Gayle, aged 80 years.
- Rising Sun No. 29: Geo McCormack, Nov. 30, 1905, aged 26 years.
- Antanga No. 31: John R. Murph, May 22, 1906.
- Washington No. 36: Thomas O. Johnson, May 22, 1906, aged 78 years, Daniel E. Moody, April 1, 1906, aged 62 years.
- Courtland No. 37: John L. Loosier, January 31, 1906.
- Wetumpka No. 39: Nicholas W. Green, Jan. 28, 1906.
- Mobile No. 40: Robert S. Martin, Sept 18, 1905, Norman Pitmann—abroad, William F. Punch, March 9, 1906, Herbert F. Acker, June 20, 1906, aged 85 years.
- Harmony No. 46: Moses Alexander, Sept. 5, 1906, Jasper N. Hill, Feb. 17, 1906, Aged 82 years, Bryan James, Jane, 1906
- Demopolis No. 49: James P. Rogers, April 18, 1906, Charles Boaz Whitfield, March 2, 1906, aged 68 years.
- Union No. 50: William R. O'Sullivan, July 22, 1906, Marion E. Whitehead, Dec. 23, 1905, aged 29 years.

- Greening No. 53:** Pinkney M. Bruner, Sept. 11, 1906, James R. Kendrick, Oct. 4, 1905.
- Amity No. 54:** John T. Broadnax March 18, 1906, Foster M. Kirksey, Feb. 14, 1906, Thomas W. Roberts, April 15, 1906.
- Mt Moriah, No. 55:** Joseph S. Walker, April 11, 1906.
- Troy, No. 56:** Abraham Livingston, 1905, Joel D. Murphree, Sr., Feb. 7, 1906, aged 76 years, Lucius Reeves, June 11, 1906, aged 80 years, Winfield S. Wade, January 30, 1906, aged 61 years
- Tuskegee No. 57:** William H. Hurt, Aug. 17, 1906.
- St. Johns No. 62:** Lee L. Carlisle, April 27, 1906, aged 40 years, Neatwood C. Ellis, June 2, 1906, John Seals Vann, January 29, 1906, aged 58 years.
- Social No. 63:** Richard E. Wright, July 2, 1906.
- Hampden Sidney No. 67:** Samuel H. Gibbons, Dec. 3, 1905, Dudley Robinson, Dec. 31, 1905.
- Howard No. 69:** George W. Vernonville, May 13, 1906, aged 53 years.
- Central No. 70:** Wm. B. McMater, January 1, 1906.
- Cokerville No. 75:** John J. Simpkins, Dec. 15, 1905.
- Auburn No. 76:** L. W. Cobb, January 12, 1906.
- Wilcox No. 80:** Joseph S. McBryde, April 19, 1906.
- Prattville No. 89:** Robert L. Ward, Nov. 5, 1906.
- Henry No. 91:** Zach W. Laney, July 29, 1906.
- Sawyer, No. 93:** Virgil T. Bonner, January 27, 1906.
- Danville No. 95:** Samuel & Mark Lindsey, March 11, 1906, Stephen Nel Livingston, April 19, 1906.
- Lochatchee No. 97:** Hampton W. Glover, July 20, 1906, aged 64 years, Abner R. Hampton, April 10, 1906, aged 36 years, Samuel M. Pendland, Nov. 24, 1905, aged 65 years.
- Salem No. 99:** Warner P. Kennon, May 5, 1905, William Roloph, Sept. 3, 1905.
- Hartwell No. 101:** William G. Norton, Feb. 12, 1906, James T. Jones, Feb. 28, 1906, Jeremiah Smith, March 29, 1906.

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- Good Samaritan No. 104: Jackson L. Gregory, Aug. 23, 1906. Thomas N. Swallwood, Sept. 26, 1905.
- Shiloh No. 105: Pastell Threadgill, Feb. 27, 1906, Philip Mask, May 18, 1906.
- Forest Hill No. 110: William G. McCracken, Feb. 10, 1906. Joseph T. Barnett, July 12, 1906.
- Notasulga, No. 119: James C. Aikin, January 23, 1906, John L. Collins, Nov. 19, 1905, Robt. M. Hayes, March 17, 1906.
- Coffeeville, No. 122: Burrel A. Clanton, March 1906.
- Bolivar No. 127: Thomas E. McMahan, March 30, 1906, aged 84 years.
- Geneva No. 129: David Swanner, May 8, 1906, Joseph E. Tillman, Feb. 15, 1906.
- Yorkville No. 131: Samuel C. Nabors, Sept. 28, 1905.
- Roanoke No. 132: James M. Ward, July 7, 1906.
- Rockford No. 137: J. H. Connaway, Nov. 1905.
- Fraternity No. 145: Uriah Tidwell, July 1, 1906, aged 69 years.
- Missouri No. 146: John Hill Peach, Sr., Sept. 20, 1905, " [redacted] John Croft, June 1, 1906.
- Rogersville No. 147: Sidney B. Broadwater, March 8, 1906.
- Coldwater No. 148: John W. White, Oct. 30, 1905.
- Chambers No. 149: John P. Crowder, June 18, 1906.
- Monroeville No. 153: John F. Deer, July 25, 1906, David W. Davis, Feb. 6, 1906, W. Ira Powers, May 17, 1906.
- Penick No. 161: Randolph I. Deloach; June 18, 1906. William Slaton, Aug. 30, 1906.
- Hendrix No. 162: Thomas M. Cook, June 25, 1906.
- Mount Hope No. 168: John M. Landers, Jas. J. Atwood.
- Fellowship No. 172: J. K. Stokes, March 8, 1906, G. R. Langdon, April 8, 1906, A. C. Richardson, June 12, 1906.
- Andrew Jackson No. 173: No. 173: Benj. B. Blackman, Aug. 29, 1906, aged 45 years, Jno. H. Henry, June 19, 1906, aged 77 years, F. L. Ivey, Dec. 8, 1905, H. H.

- Matthews, June 6, 1906, aged 52 years, Geo. F. McDonald, Dec. 28, 1905, aged 66 years, Chas. R. Westcott, June 5, 1906, aged 43 years.
- No. 177: A. G. Berry, Oct. 28, 1905, J. H. Henderson, January 19, 1906, S. J. Townsend, March 1, 1906.
- Sotoville No. 178: Joseph H. Lyon, Dec 16, 1905, James M. Forshee, Aug. 13, 1906, Lewis R. Smith, July 2, 1906.
- Dodge, No. 184: Thadeus W. Griffin, April 13, 1906.
- Mark No. 187: Philip J. Sulzby, Feb. 9, 1906.
- No. 189: William T. Cox, June 1906, William M. Meador, July, 1906.
- Road No. 204: A. T. Dreysspring April 5, 1906.
- Kandria No. 208: Joshua Richard Kirby, Aug 22, 1906.
- Rehall No. 209: John Beiser, Oct. 4, 1905.
- Nam No. 212: Franklin Augustus McMurry, July 6, 1906.
- Tollton No. 214: Joseph A. Duncan, June 28, 1906.
- Eville No. 219: Henry T. Mitchell, Nov. 12, 1905.
- law No. 221: John V. Steadham, Nov. 10, 1905.
- nton No. 224: Benjamin F. Travis, June 3, 1906.
- ata Fe No. 226: John F. Whistenhurst, Aug 17, 1906.
- kar No. 230: Vincent Holley, June 15, 1906.
- ck Springs No. 231: Isaac B. Dalrymple, March 19, 1906.
- Bulga No. 233: Samuel H. Gamble, Aug. 6, 1906.
- dsden No. 236: John P. Doaley, Oct. 1905, William S. Griffith, Thomas L. Strafford, Aug. 14, 1906, aged 37 years, Ransom F. Smiley, April 3, 1906.
- irmount No. 238: Alexander G. Atkinson, Oct. 26, 1906, Hilary H. Beasley, Dec. 30, 1905.
- ven No. 240: Thomas Halliwell, Dec. 28, 1905, George W. Morris, Dec. 16, 1905.
- amer No. 243: Harris E. Jefferson, Dec. 11, 1906, Rush-ton M. Furman, March 30, 1906.
- ohn Payne No. 245: James I. Barksdale, Aug. 13, 1906.
- arrison No. 246: Alphonso Tanton, Sept. 11, 1906.

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- Seddon No. 247: Paul Castleberry, Nov. 1905.
Lawrence No. 248: William Shirley, Nov. 10, 1905.
Amand No. 250: Francis M. Connell, April 1, 1906.
Rose Hill No. 253: Nealy Bryant, Jan. 5, 1906.
Quitman No. 254: William H. Joyner, Feb. 6, 1906.
Gaylesville No. 256: Edward H. Emerson, June 22, 1906,
Theodosia M. Elliott, July 19, 1906, Lorenzo D.
Griffith, June 1, 1906.
Talladega No. 261: Thomas A. Jones, Dec. 21, 1905, aged
74 years, William R. Leak, April 8, 1906, aged 46
years.
Forest Home No. 270: Boardman F. Little, July 6, 1906.
Pea River No. 271: John Clowers, Sept. 21, 1905, John A.
Hall, June 11, 1906.
Bullock No. 276: Josh M. Beall, May 12, 1906, aged 72
years.
Northern No. 278: Byron W. Hines, Aug. 21, 1906, Francis
M. Stone, Feb. 17, 1906.
Springville, No. 280: Vince W. Clayton, Dec. 19, 1905.
Chas. Baskerville No. 281: J. P. Dickinson, March 13, 1906,
aged 55 years, Rob. Waldrop, January 1906, aged 70
years.
Georgiana No. 285: Eli Thorn, Dec. 2, 1905.
Clinton No. 287: Marcus L. Thomas, Oct. 7, 1905
Norris No. 301: Richard S. Weaver, Feb. 19, 1906, aged
87 years.
Ragan No. 341: John F. Davis, May 18, 1906, aged 76 years.
Ozark No. 349: G. W. Blackman, Nov. 12, 1905, aged 83
years, W. W. Kirkland, Feb. 19, 1906, aged 42 years.
Van Buren No. 355: Robert J. Patty, Dec. 31, 1905, Henry
Small, Aug. 31, 1906, Andrew J. Vann, Sept. 4, 1906.
Ashland No. 356: William G. T. Hobbs, Feb. 2, 1906.
Newtonville No. 360: William D. Doughty, Dec. 15, 1906.
Town Creek No. 361: Thomas B. Hazlewood, Aug. 3, 1906.
Chester, No. 363: E. A. Hawkins.
Athelstan No. 369: Edward C. Rice, Dec. 28, 1905, Michael
Steele, March 6, 1906.

- Russellville No. 371: William McHudson, Aug 4, 1906,
aged 83 years
- Lake City No. 377: Calvin Davis, April 25, 1905, aged 77
years.
- Weogutka No. 378: William A. Stewart, Dec. 19, 1905,
aged 66 years.
- Ohatchee No. 380: A. Jackson Brown, March 14, 1906.
- E. H. Cook No. 381: James C. Gross, April 27, 1906.
- Birmingham Fraternal No. 384: Samuel Griscom, Jan 20,
1906, John W. Hoffer, Aug. 9, 1906, Edw. M. Long-
botham, Nov. 17, 1905, John A. Milner, Dec. 19,
1905, Wm. C. Scott, April 29, 1906, John T Shugart,
May 6, 1906, Samuel W. Vance, March 29, 1906.
- Trinity No. 386: Daniel K. Emens, June 26, 1906.
- Weathers No 390: Thomas Bassett, Dec 2, 1905, E. Burton
Lashley, Aug 12, 1906.
- North Border No 391: H. K. Shelton, Aug. 31, 1906.
- Hickory Flat No. 392: R. S. Glawson, March 10, 1906,
John H. Dennis, April 11, 1906.
- Valley Head No. 394: John Beaty, Thomas J. Laramore,
May 13, 1906, Wm. G. Stallings, Sr.
- Falkville No. 396: James Johnson, Oct. 22, 1905.
- Black Oak No. 397: Joshua W. Cook, April 26, 1906, An-
drew G. Russell, April 21, 1906.
- Hartselle No. 398: John F. Turney, Feb. 20, 1906, John D.
Vandiver, Jan. 26, 1906.
- Doric No. 406: John E. Patterson, Sept. 23, 1905.
- Helena No. 410: Thos. D Earheart, April 30, 1906, John
D. Stowe, Aug. 25, 1906.
- Clanton No. 423: Aaron C. Oates, July 22, 1906.
- Temple No. 425: William O. Johnson, D-c. 24, 1905.
- Milo Abercrombie No. 429: Rev John J. Cloud, April 12,
1906.
- Andalusia No. 434: James M. Robinson, Sr., March 5,
1906, aged 88 years, William H. Urquhart, Dec. 2,
1905, aged 76 years.
- Ware No. 435: J. Mack Amerson, June 11, 1906.

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- Fort Payne No. 437: Jacob G. Micklen (E. A.), July 13, 1906.
- Mount Vernon No. 439: Thomas Tumlin, Feb. 25, 1906.
- Forney No. 440: John K. Abernathy, Dec. 2, 1905, aged 54 years.
- Calera No. 445: John B. Ozley, April 18, 1906.
- Coalburg No. 448: Sidney Washington Meeks, March 31, 1906.
- Florida No. 450: Tim L. Thoxton.
- Dolomite No. 452: George Pope, Dec. 22, 1905.
- Gibson No. 453: Pat O'Brien, Nov. 8, 1905.
- Lee No. 454: Louis Cherry, April 4, 1906, aged 47 years; Claud B. Hargrove, April 10, 1906, aged 50 years.
- Benlah No. 455: John F. Williams, Oct. 14, 1905; George B. Wood, April 13, 1906.
- Bessemer No. 458: J. C. Burgin, Aug. 13, 1906; N. L. Nail, Feb. 10, 1906; G. W. Patrick, Jan. 10, 1906; H. Satterfield, Jan. 3, 1906; C. H. Spencer, April 23, 1906..
- King Solomon No. 460: Osborne Baldwin Collins, March 2, 1906, aged 66 years; John Jacob Dickson, Oct. 10, 1905, aged 37 years; James Esdale, Feb. 7, 1906, aged 58 years; William C. Rabb, June 1, 1906, aged 45 years; Mortimer A. Wright, Feb. 9, 1906, aged 64 years; William R. Houghton, July 31, 1906, aged 63 years.
- Addison No. 463: Robert J. Dollar, Littleton R. Jean.
- Haleyville No. 464: John R. Chilcoat, Martin Turner.
- Oakman No. 465: Will P. Cook, June 2, 1906, aged 28 years; A. H. Johnson, Nov. 23, 1906.
- Dothan No. 466: James A. Cox, May 12, 1906, aged 64 years.
- Kennedy No. 467: J. M. Morton, May 10, 1906, aged 48 years.
- Hoke's Bluff No. 470: Thomas J. Foreman, Oct. 28, 1905; James R. Trotter (M. G.) May 26, 1906, aged 70 years.
- Baileyton No. 472: James H. Hays, Feb. 1906, aged 86 years.

- Blocton No. 474: J. Ernest Dunlap, July 1, 1906, aged 41 years.
Deatsville No. 475: Arlam H. Whetstone, Oct. 20, 1905
Avondale No. 476: Hilliard C. Gray, Jan. 22, 1906, aged 27 years.
Guin Mo 478: Jesse M. Dodson, April 28, 1906, aged 76 years.
Rock Springs No. 479: William H. Newman, May 20, 1906, aged 74 years; G. L. Carmichael, April 20, 1906.
East Lake No. 480: Isaac C. Brown, Oct. 1905, aged 70 years; Andrew A. McCord, June 30, 1906, aged 81 years.
Millport No. 482: William C. Williams, Sept. 27, 1905, aged 55 years.
Cedar Bluff No. 486: Chas. H. Bishop.
Carbon Hill No. 494: Samuel H. Key, Aug. 18, 1906.
Bay Minette No. 498: James M. Armstrong, July 26, 1906; William L. Cain, April 22, 1903; Joseph S. Irwin, Nov. 21, 1905; William C. Turner, Jan. 9, 1906.
Delmar, No. 501: Anderson Ward, Oct. 2, 1905.
Caldwell, No. 502: W. Richard Awtry, March 25, 1906, aged 33 years; Rulley Jenkins, Jan. 11, 1906, aged 70 years; D. A. Perrymann, June 7, 1906, aged 80 years.
Sheffield, No. 503: William J. Belser, Jan. 29, 1906; James Madison Sharp (F. C.)
Midland City, No. 504: Richard D. Loftin, Aug. 21, 1906.
Irondale, No. 506: Samuel G. Hale, Sept. 8, 1906.
George Morrow, No. 507: Emery J. Cosley, March 3, 1906
Mt. Signal, No. 508: George M. McCurry, June 2, 1906.
Cunningham, No. 512: E. R. Abernathy, Aug. 27, 1906, aged 39 years.
James D. Trues, No. 515: John H. Vermillion, Nov. 17, 1905; William T. Cornelius, Feb. 8, 1906.
Davis, No. 518: Robert M. Johnston, Dec. 9, 1905, aged 61 years.

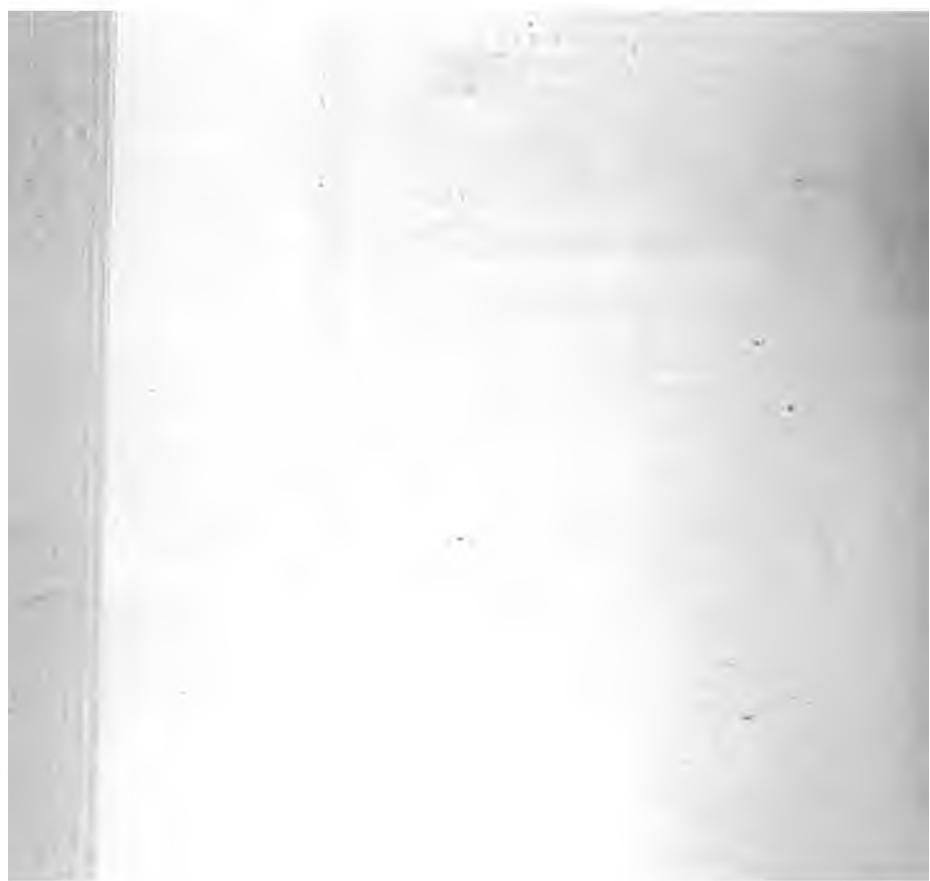
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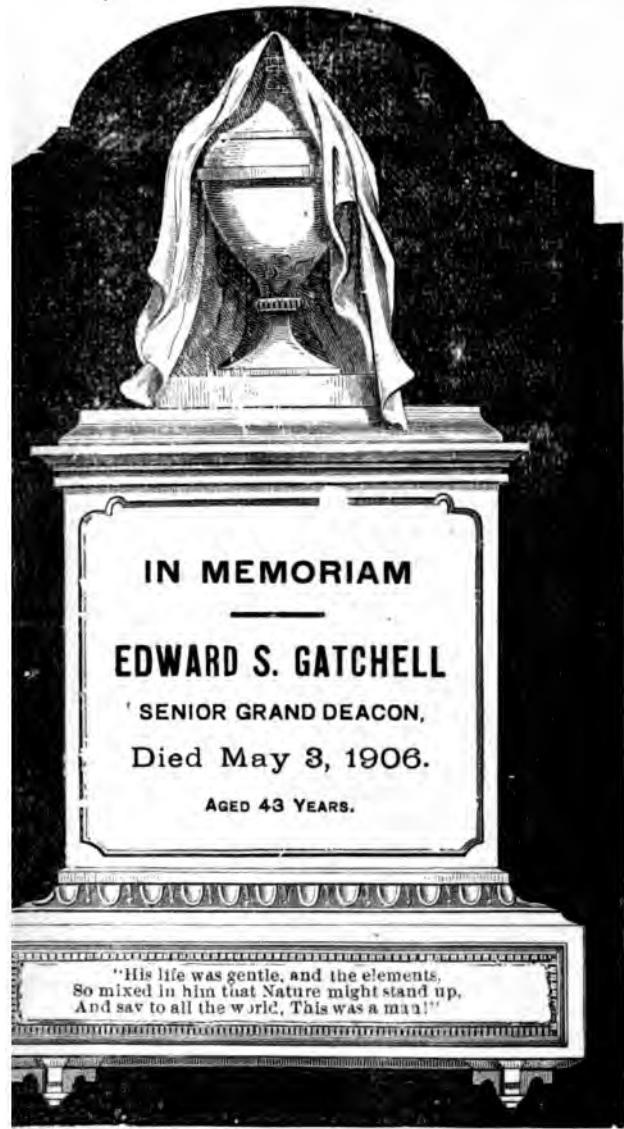
Hewitt, No. 519: Thomas Rensford, March 24
Gurley, No. 521: James S. Riddle, March 7, 1906
Woodlawn Fraternal, No. 523: Lemuel Austin, April 21, 1905, aged 39 years; John Everett M. 3, 1906, aged 58 years; James C. McPherson, April 16, 1906, aged 62 years; William J. Martin, April 8, 1906, aged 52 years; Harry W. Wescott, April 1905, aged 40 years; Alexander Clay McRae, April 22, 1906, aged 52 years.
Middleton, No. 527: Reuben C. Johnston, Jan. 1
Spring Hill, No. 536: Jailus S. Perdew, Jan. 1
Enon, No. 537: George W. Crut.
Searight, No. 540: Henry W. Shows, Feb. 15,
Mt. Union, No. 541: M. L. Faill, Feb. 14, 1906
H. Clay Armstrong, No. 544: Malcom H. Robinson, April 31, 1906.
Carmichael, No. 548: John Ruse, July 24, 1906, aged 70 years; Jesse M. Rowe, Sept. 26, 1906, aged 70 years.
Carney, No. 549: Joseph D. Trammell, April 1, 1906, aged 74 years.
Brookside, No. 552: Roland H. Hudson, July 1, 1906.
Holly Pond, No. 555: Rubin W. Watts, April 1, 1906.
Ensley, No. 560: W. W. Chandler, July 7, 1906.
Jones, Jan. 1906.
Vinemont, No. 562: David H. Alvis, July 20, 1906.
Gordo, No. 564: Elias A. S. Brown, Aug. 14, 1906, aged 70 years; Geo. M. Honney, Aug. 5, 1906, aged 70 years.
Section, No. 565: J. F. Dean, Oct. 8, 1905; James Latt, June 23, 1906.
Proctor, No. 571: Edward P. Varner, Feb. 4, 1906.
Tunnel City, No. 578: Jackson Miles, March 15, 1906.
Renben, No. 581: James Franklin Fuller, Aug. 1, 1906.
Franklin, No. 587: Thomas J. Nicholson, April 1, 1906.
Chavies, No. 590: Marlian V. Hodges, June 8, 1906.
Robin M. Stewart, May 21, 1906.
N. Birmingham, No. 591: L. E. Ewell, June 1, 1906.
R. Simmonds, Sept. 1905; J. O. Regan,

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- Dolcito, No. 596: Jerry Fountain, July 26, 1906.
Coffee Spring*, No. 597: Hardie Cain, May 16, 1906
Slocomb, No. 599: Andrew J. Bryan, Sept. 10, 1906.
M. A. Wood, No. 600: Alvin N. Wilson, June 4, 1906.
Arley, No. 602: James A. Lane, Aug. 1906.
Healing Springs, No. 604: John H. Harris, Feb. 28, 1906;
O. B. Stanford Oct. 22, 1905.
Olive, No. 606: Jasper J. Boyd, June 2, 1906; Jackson J.
Fossett, Aug. 14, 1906.
Black Creek, No. 610: David Harper, Sept. 13, 1906.
Pinckard, No. 611: James Madison Head, Oct. 18, 1905.
Lewis, No. 614: Jesse Taylor, March 30, 1906.
Abernethy, No. 615: Thomas W. Jackson, April 21, 1906.
Robert J. Redden, No. 623: Warren Lee, April 17, 1906.
Luverne, No. 630: Benjamin R. Bricken, Nov. 28, 1905.
Scott, No. 641: Rhess T. Reid, Sept. 13, 1906.





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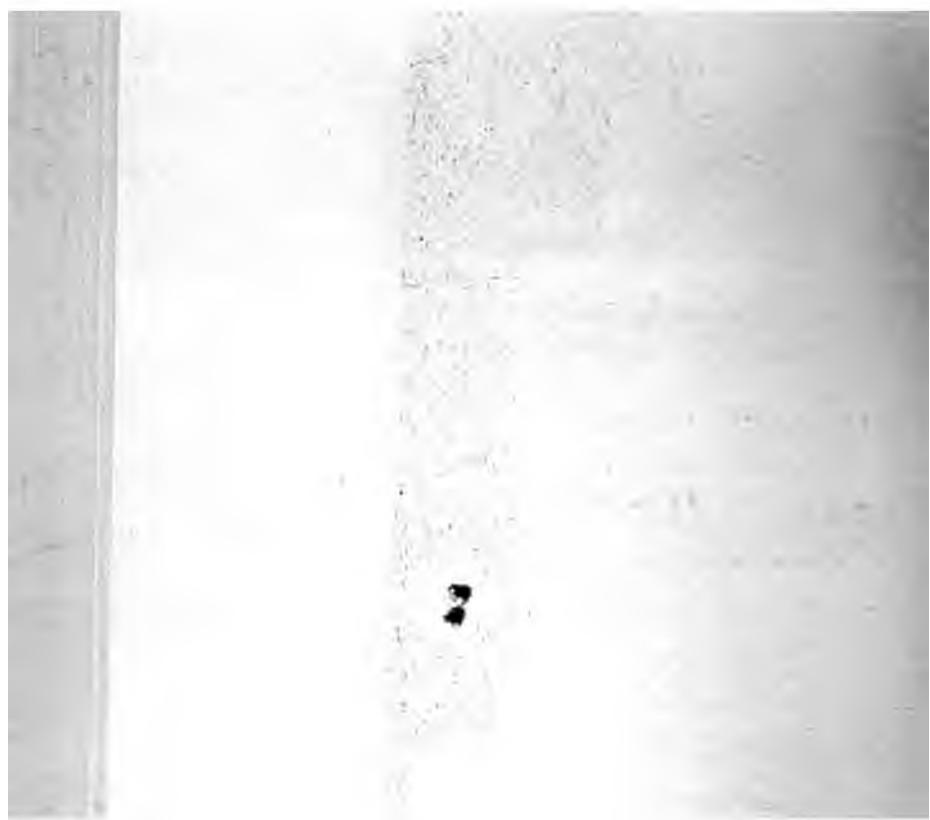
EDWARD S. GATCHELL

SENIOR GRAND DEACON,

Died May 8, 1906.

AGED 43 YEARS.

"His life was gentle, and the elements,
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world, This was a man!"





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LODGES DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Shelby.....	No. 140
Mt. Pinson.....	495

**LODGES DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS
AND PAYING DUES.**

Royal White Hart	No. 10
Dean	112
Burleson	143
Caledonia	198
Oneonto	324
Blue Eye	332
Hartford	409
Brookwood	509
Cline	576

LODGES DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Shiloh.....	No. 105
Choctaw.....	107
Nixburg	154
Tombigbee	190
Barbour.....	358
Russellville	371
Delmar	501

CHARTERS FORFEITED.

**Meridian Sun, No. 88. No return made and no dues paid for
two successive years.**

APPENDIX.**LODGES CONSOLIDATED.**

William F. Aldrich, No. 520, with Central No. 70.

LODGES REINSTATED.

Pfister.....	No. 90
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CHARTERS ISSUED.

	No.
Adamsville	603
Garden City.....	628
Hacoda	631
Huffman.....	633
Motley.....	634
James Mills.....	638
Sam Gibbons.....	639
Sayre	640
Waterloo.....	642
Ben M. Jacobs.....	643
Fairview.....	644
Glenwood.....	645
Abernant	646
Black Rock	649
Lamar.....	651
Dement.....	654
Lanett	656
George A. Beanchamp ..	657
Mount Ida.....	660
William H. Dingley	662

CHARTERS RESTORED.

Pfister	No. 90
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DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

Angus M. Scott	No. 641
Nix	647
Webb	648
Arkadelphia	650
Ranburne	652
Celestia	653
Excel	655
Whiton	658
Pythagoras	659
Frankville	661
Arab	663
Chancellor	664

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Lodges represented	368
Number of members	18 191
Number of Lodges making returns	437
Number of Lodges paying dues	409
Number of Chartered Lodges on the roll, 1905	426
Charters issued 1906	20
Charters restored 1906	1
	— 447
Number of Chartered Lodges lost by consolidation	1
Charters forfeited	1
	— 2
Number of Chartered Lodges on the roll, 1906	445
Number of Lodges U. D. on the roll, 1906	12
Number of Ministers	987

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WORK OF THE YEAR.

Initiated	2,207
Passed.....	2,042
Raised	1,973
Affiliated.....	985
Reinstated	281
Died.....	323
Dismissed	965
Suspended, N. P. D.....	344
Suspended, U. C.....	35
Expelled	10

Register of Lodges.

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REGISTER OF LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA.

No.	Name.	Location.	Co. & Ty.	Master.	Secy.	Address.	Communication.
1	Hohen	Huntsville	Madison	Leroy C. Stuck	Arthur P. Bush	Huntsville	2d & 4th each mo
3	Apostura	Perritt Hill	Monroe	J. Five Galliard	John Wm. Wilkinson	Brown	1st, on or before 1st m
4	Rising Virtue	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	William E. Birmingham	Bryan B. Cooper	Tuscaloosa	1st Tuesday
6	Mountain	Mountain	Nobie G. Polachaw	William A. Moles	James H. Coleman	2d & 3d Sat. day	
7	Mount	Lawrence	William W. Bathin	Love S. Peugh	Grove Hill	11th Saturday	
8	Fairer	Clarke	William H. Priegel	Horne J. Stalter	El Bain Los 1st Av	1st & 3d Friday	
9	Gilesed	Jefferson	Wallace H. Lindsey	Green B. Bush	Bullock	1st Saturday	
10	Royal White Hart	Clayton	Barrett	Waldore J. Chubbers	Montgomery	1 and 3d Monday	
11	Montgomery	Montgomery	Cavin P. Anderson	Thomas J. Bond	Florence	1st & 3d Friday	
14	Phoenicia	Phoenicia	Henry Clyde Hatch	Henry J. Fusch	Athens	1st Monday	
16	Athenis	Athens	Win. B. Cooper	Charles B. Cleveland	Linden	1st Tuesday	
22	S. Athoris	Linden	S. R. McAliley	J. B. Thomas	Kubaw	1st & 3d Sun.	
24	Concord	Washington	Greenfield	Solomon D. Bloch	Gadsden	1st or 3d Fri. m	
25	Palmyra	Clinton	Wilcoxson	Norman B. Godbold	Greensboro	1st & 3d Tuesday	
26	Lafayette	Canton	Hale	William Shaw	Win. E. W. Verby	Selma	1st & 3d Monday
27	Selma Fraternal	Opelousas	Bales	Walter H. Trimby	Albert S. Starr	2d & 4th Tuesday	
29	Rising Sun	Decatur	Morgan	Charles G. Robertson	Robert B. Evans	New Decatur	Last Saturday
31	Autauga	Autauga	Antonia	Wesley A. Givertree	Jas. M. Thompson	Autaugaville	2nd Saturday
36	Washington	Tuscaloosa	Gilbert	Archibald H. Carmichael	Asfred F. McLeskey	Tuscaloosa	2nd Saturday
37	Confirand	Confirand	Lawrence	Samuel Moore	Ralph Reid	Courtland	2d Monday
38	Wetumpka	Elmore	Adolph Hohenberg	Adolph W. Jarrow	Wetumpka	3rd & 4th full m'n	
40	Mobile	Mobile	Class	A. L. Johnston	Marvin O. Fischer	Mobile	2d Monday
41	Livingston	Stunter	Dudley S. Brockway	Robert B. Calloway	Jacksonville	1 and 3d Friday	
42	Hiram	Calhoun	T. R. Ward	El G. Calwell	Layhton	1 and 3d Monday	
43	Leighton	Leighton	Robert	Win. H. Bradford	Fairfax	1st & 3d Tuesday	
46	Harmony	Eufaula	Barbour	James P. Hill	Hempville	2d and 4th Mon	
49	Demopolis	Demopolis	Matron	Eugene E. Herding	Uniontown	2d & 4th Thurs.	
50	Union	Uniontown	Perry	June Harwood	New Market	3d Alt 2, and 4 Su	
52	New Market	New Market	Madison	James T. Walker	Marcus M. Cochran	Evergreen	1st Saturday
53	Greening	Evergreen	Conceen	Henry A. Shields	John J. Queen	Baldford E. Hobley	1st Monday
54	Amity	Enton	Prokene	William R. Burgin	James H. Coleman	Pleasantville	2d Saturday
55	Mt. Moriah	Pleasantville	Pike	Stephen A. Pillay	Abrahm J. Hubbard	Troy	1st and 3d Mon
56	Troy	Troy	Ma. on	James C. Baldwin	Albert S. Danier	Tuskegee	1st and 3d Mon
57	Tuskegee	Tuskegee	Owens	Henry C. Clements	Jas. M. Shaggs	Benton	1st Tuesday
59	Renton	Benton	Bullard	John M. Massey	Predot & G. Romney	Union Springs	Every first Friday
60	St. John	St. John	James	W. A. T. Newell	James S. McBridge	Jones	1st & 3d Saturday
61	Social	Social	Greenville	Samuel P. Ewing	Greenville	1st & 3d Mon	

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67	Hampden Sidney	Robinson Spgs Elmore	Charles W. Chapman	Daniel F. Berry	Robinson Spgs.	3 Saturday	
69	Howard	Mobile	Isaac Lightfoot	Charles F. Gerald	Mobile	1st & 3d Tuesday	
70	Central	Montevallo	Charles L. Shelly	James A. Morris	Montevallo	Sat 1st or 1st 11th	
71	Dateville	Batesville	Talaloposa	Clifton E. Oliver	Batesville	3 Thursday	
72	Widow's Son	Furnon	La Fayette	Elieann B. Burrow	Furnon	Sat bef fm	
74	Solomon	La Fayette	W. C. Blosoe	W. E. Boworth	La Fayette	1 and 3 Fri	
75	Cokerville	McWilliams	George E. Kyser	Jno. G. Vick Is.	Pineapple	Sat bef 2 Sunday	
76	Auburn	Lee	C. A. Ca ey	Thomas Bracke	Auburn	2d & 4th Mon	
78	Crozier	White Plains	Ulysses G. Hudson	Allen N. Ward	White Plains	Sat bi lndus Sun	
79	Fredonia	Chambers	Merle V. Malby	Thomas G. Crowder	Five Points r.d.j	4 Saturday	
80	Wilcox	Oak Hill	Wm. W. McDonnico	St. Eugene I. McBrude	Oak Hill	1st Friday	
81	St. Stephens	Wilcox	E. Bruce Davis	Francis B. Gordy	Wilcox	2d Friday	
83	Friendship	Washington	James N. C. Brown	Jos. P. Harris	Centreville r. d 2	1 and 3 Sat	
84	Erophotic	Bibb	William W. Stabler	Wm. H. McErin	Brages	Sat bef full m	
85	Praytville	Centerville	Autauga	Geo. C. Spigner	Dench H. Gaines	Praytville	1st Monday
86	Phisier	Marengo	James E. Seay	Charl s II. Strickland	Ashville	2 Secd Mo aft 15a	
87	Henry	Albertville	Randolph	John L. Grogg	Wedowee	1st & 3d Tuesday	
88	Sawyer	Wetewee	Morgan	Richard L. Penn	Danville	4th Saturday	
89	Danville	Crawford	Russell	Benj F. Prince	Crawford	2d & 4th Saturday	
90	Luzabatchee	Piedmont	Calhoun	Oliver L. Stewart	Thibell Su Sa 1588	Thibell Su Sa 1588	
91	Fulton	Orville	Dallas	Robert L. Sutton	Orville	3d Friday	
92	Salem	Salon	Lee	James K. Ambrose	Salem	2d & 4th	
93	Hartwell	Oxford	Calhoun	John W. Dunn	Oxford	3d & 4th	
94	Good Samaritan	Dudleyville	Baldwin	James C. Wright	Wedowee f d 3	1st & 3d Mon	
95	Shiloh	Shiloh	Clinton	Joe A. G. Fuqua	Dixons Mills	Sat bef 1st Sun	
96	Sumterville	Sumter	H. Clay Plumkies	George W. Hasty	Sumterville	Saturday	
97	Lozabatchee	Pushmataha	Philip Willingham	James W. Ramsey	Pushmataha	Wed bef full m	
98	Fulton	Pleasant Grove	Choctaw	Joseph M. Gilder	Mantua	1 Saturday	
99	Sylvan	Sylvan	Pickens	William P. Barnett	Curtis J. Eatman	Saturday	
100	DeKalb	Conecuh	Tuckalossa	William T. Bennett	John F. Townsend	Sylvan	
101	Lebanon	DeKalb	Lebanon	John F. Taylor	Portersville R. 1	1 Saturday	
102	Notasulga	Notasulga	Notasulga	Wm. T. Killian	Portersville R. 1	Saturday	
103	Camp Hill	Camp Hill	Tallaloposa	Francis M. Bryant	Noatsulga	To bi fm & Sat	
104	Cofferville	Cofferville	Clarke	J. M. Bon	Camp Hill	2 and 4 Sat	
105	Moundville	Moundville	Hale	Ames N. Robinson	West Bend	1 Sat & 3 Friday	
106	Hermon	Hermon	Union	R. S. Griffin	Moundville	Wednesday	
107	Choctaw	Choctaw	Greene	Edward E. Gordon	Storey	4 Saturday	
108	Forest Hill	Pleasant Grove	Genoa	Woolard L. Storey	Union	1 and 3 Friday	
109	Sylvan	Sylvan	Geneva	Geo. W. Foster	Stevenson	2 Mo & 4th Sat	
110	DeKalb	DeKalb	Genoa	William O. Mulkey	Franklin J. Ward	Geneva	
111	Notasulga	Notasulga	Ethelville	Thomas T. Gore	Ethelville	1st Saturday	
112	Camp Hill	Camp Hill	Roanoke	Wm. G. Floyd	Roanoke	2 and 4 Tues	
113	Cofferville	Cofferville	Randolph	Turner J. Bates	Chas. W. Elcheberger	1st & 3 Saturday	
114	Moundville	Moundville	Bullock	N. F. McLendon	Omega	Columbia	
115	Hermon	Hermon	Houston	Wm. L. Lee	Harrison Preceel	15a & M at 2 Sat	
116	Boylar	Boylar	L wet peachtree Wilcox.	J. W. Gibson	Chipepper	4th Saturday	

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No.	Name	Location	County	Master	Secretary	Spec. Address	Communication
137	Bentonford	Bentonford	Benton	James A. Miller	John Kford	Sat bet 3 Sun
140	Shelby	Stockton	Shelby	Philip M. Hoggson	Clarence S. Tonopukis	Stockton	2d & 4th Sat
142	Baldwin	Stockton	Baldwin	J. E. Morris	.....	Baldwinville	1st Saturday
143	Parkersburg	Stockton	Parkersburg	Rev. J. D. Faust	.....	.....	1 and 3 Sat
145	Fayette	Benton	Fayette	William R. Arrington	Eugenia P. Haslam	Perote	1 Saturday
146	Missouri	Benton	Missouri	John D. Longshore	Joseph L. Peterson	Roxorville	1 Saturday
147	Reedsville	Benton	Reedsville	James M. Davavenport	Jack V. Ray	Washstock	Sat bet 1 & Su
148	Gold Water	Woodstock	Gold Water	W. M. David	.....	Mill Town	Sat bet 2 & 4 Sun
149	Chambers	New Hope	Chambers	W. J. Shuy	S. G. Barnes	Blodon Springs	Fri bet 3 Sun
151	Baldon Springs	Baldon Springs	Baldon Springs	Harry A. Powe	Q. Sauter	Tri of Lawdies	Sat bet 1 & 2 Sun
153	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Thomas M. McMillen	John A. White	Monroeville	Equality
154	Sixtontown	Ninety Six	Sixtontown	Benjamin W. Nunnis	Alonzo Montgomery	McFad	Sat bet 1 & 3 Su
155	Fastelocust	Eastaboga	Elmore	James D. Smith	Amos J. Langley	Cland	Sat bet 3 & Su
161	Reindeer	Elmore	Elmore	Walter M. Reynold's	Samuel G. Todd	Pandersville	1 Saturday
162	Hondrix	Elmore	Elmore	Wins on J. Phillips	T. D. Crum	Talladega Springs	2 Saturday
163	Patrville	Elmore	Elmore	Robert T. Wear	Calvin S. Cheeknall	Mount Hope	Fri bet 3 Sun
168	Mount Hope	Elmore	Elmore	Arthur V. Buck	John S. Windham	No. 3	1 Saturday
170	Elba	Elba	Elba	Joseph E. Barnes	Wm. F. Sammons	Arlton	1st & 3d Sat
171	Arton	Elton	Elton	Gilbert B. Wimberly	R. M. Langdon	Reform	1 Saturday
172	Fellowship	Reform	Reform	Philip McNamee	Henry D. Lang	Montgomery	1 and 3 Tuesday
173	Andrew Jackson	Montgomery	Montgomery	Lloyd J. Williams	B. F. Kelley	Froy. f. d. 3	Sat bet 4 Sun
177	Orton	Pike	Pike	Henry H. Allen	John C. Christopher	Jachin	3 Saturday
178	Desotoville	Choctaw	Choctaw	John Frankner	John Thos. Sims	Mt. Hilliard	Thu bi/2 Sat & Sat
180	Mt. Hilliard	Bullcock	Bullcock	Robert C. Dickinson	Bob. H. Boyd	Brundidge	Tu after 1&3 Sun
184	Brundidge	Bullcock	Bullcock	Richard R. Slaughter	John M. Davis	Newsite	4 Saturday
185	Mt. Eagle	Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa	Noah A. Howard	Foster Freeman	Asheville	Fri. 3 PM
186	Ashville	St. Clair	St. Clair	John M. May	William J. Lewis	Clintonville	4 Saturday
187	Laud Mark	Knoxville	Knoxville	John L. Shaffer	Geo. W. Taylor	Womack Hill	1 Friday
188	Clintonville	Clintonville	Clintonville	Thomas R. Jenoir	John W. Gibson	Jefferson	3 Saturday
189	Delta	Womack Hill	Womack Hill	Conner B. Jones	John T. Richardson	.....	2d and 4th Sat
190	Tombigbee	Jefferson	Jefferson	William H. Mullner	James T. Smith	River View	2nd and 4th Fri
192	Chatatoochee	River View	River View	Samuel J. Rutland	Johns G. Allord	Match Is	Goodwater
193	Hopewell	Fitzpatrick	Fitzpatrick	George W. McElhiney	Larry A. Gregg	.....	Sat bet 2 Sun
197	Hillabee	Gondwater	Gondwater	.....	.....	.....	.....
198	Caledonia	Gondron	Gondron	.....	.....	.....	.....
199	Killasee	Chunnabatchee	Elmore	J. T. Carroll	Allen G. Hamilton	Tallasse	3 Saturday
200	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Dewitt A. Parker	Magone F. Connaway	Magone F. Connaway	Thru birds & sea

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227	Eikman	Limestone	James E. Rushing.....	Millard F. Flynn.....	Pike Kond.....	and 4 Tuesday
228	Alexandria	Alexandria	Henry C. Clark.....	Jones W. McClellan.....	Alexandria.....	Fri on or bef fm
229	Marcha	Galloum	Edward T. Clark.....	Bailey G. McClellan.....	Gainesville.....	Sat bef 2SUn
230	Marsha	Marsha	Alain Told.....	S. H. Tyler.....	Gainesville.....	Tu/bef 2Tu at
231	New York	Walker	John H. Bankhead Jr.	Thomas R. Hackett.....	Jasper.....	2 Friday
232	Putnam	Randolph	Andrew J. Kent.....	Francis M. Hanley.....	Rosine.....	pm 3Slt
233	Carrollton	Chester	M. von K. Howard.....	James F. Johnson.....	Carrollton.....	Thursdays
234	Carrollton	Blair	R. Reeve Blair.....	Allie S. Johnson.....	Centre.....	1st 1 and 3 Su
235	Carrollton	Worcester	Worcester Hollingsworth.....	Walter S. Smith.....	Lineville.....	2nd and 4 Saturday
236	Carrollton	Baldwin	John B. Davis.....	Henry H. Andrews.....	Nesaw.....	Fri bef 4 Sun
237	Carrollton	Sunter	Louis A. Sundavant.....	Joseph L. Stoeckel.....	Cuba.....	Fri bef 4 Sun
238	Carrollton	Montgomery	William W. Yarbrough.....	James S. Edwards.....	Newton.....	1 & 3 Sat
239	Carrollton	Clay	Adam A. Capel.....	Christopher M. Capel.....	Louisville.....	Land & 3 Sat
240	Carrollton	Clarke	Osborne R. Moore.....	H. M. and.....	Louisville.....	3 Fri, 1 Sat
241	Carrollton	Dale	Thomas R. Horn.....	William N. Reeder.....	Blue Springs.....	2 and 4 Sat
242	Carrollton	Johnnie	Samuel H. Gaton.....	William J. Hwyood.....	Hedon, I. L. 3	1st Saturday
243	Carrollton	Marion	Goven W. Cantrell.....	Ira F. Cooty.....	Bereton.....	3rd Saturday
244	Newton	Elcar	Elowah.....	Win. P. Smith.....	Kerner, F. D. 3	1st of 2 Sun
245	Newton	Koerber	Thomas A. Jones.....	Jack A. Lane.....	Manti.....	3rd Saturday
246	Newton	Starlington	Elowah.....	Henry B. Myers.....	Gadsden.....	2 and 4 Tues
247	Newton	Gadsden	Harrisford L. Ison.....	Will am. V. Martin.....	Levi Level.....	3rd & 4 Sat
248	Newton	Gadsden	Jacob Johnston.....	Wm. A. Cato.....	Whistler.....	Thursdays
249	Newton	Gadsden	William B. Elmore.....	W. K. Whistone.....	Titus.....	1st Saturday
250	Newton	Gadsden	Montgomery.....	W. B. Whistley.....	Ramer.....	1st Saturday
251	Duck Spring	Elcar	N. H. Smith.....	James P. Smith.....	Aky Streak.....	1st of 1 & 3 Sunday
252	Sequatchie	Koerber	Elowah.....	John P. Smith.....	Hwy Log.....	Set of 3 Sunday
253	Dawson	Starlington	Luther R. Russell.....	John P. Smith.....	Henderson.....	4th Saturday
254	Dawson	Lanier	Nathan P. Saylor.....	Erasmus A. Fasters.....	Henderson.....	Sat bef fm
255	Dawson	Pike	Richard D. Windham.....	George A. Austin.....	Lawrenceville.....	2nd and 4th Saturday
256	Gadsden	Harrison	Daniel H. Carpenter.....	John D. Hendley.....	Coopers.....	1st Saturday
257	Gadsden	Harrison	William L. Mcgee.....	J. W. Dennis.....	Honora/ville.....	1st Saturday
258	Gadsden	Hartwell	J. S. Jones.....	Lee Massy.....	Hodizer, R. F. D. 1	2nd and 4th Sat
259	Gadsden	Hartwell	Chilton.....	Moran, W. Howell.....	Georgetown, r. 12	2nd and 4th Sat
260	Gadsden	Hartwell	Coopers.....	Robert G. Stewart.....	Gadsville.....	4 Saturday
261	Gadsden	Hartwell	Elowah.....	Robert G. Daniel.....	Townley.....	Sat bef 2 & 4 Sun
262	Gadsden	Hartwell	Lawrenceville.....	Warion D. King.....	Tadacea.....	Land & 3 Fri
263	Gadsden	Hartwell	Lawrenceville.....	Robert P. Henderson.....	Walnut Grove.....	2nd Saturday
264	Gadsden	Hartwell	Talladega.....	Benj. W. Beavis.....	Shibboleth.....	Fri bef 2 sun
265	Gadsden	Hartwell	Talladega.....	Jesse T. Campbell.....	Z Turerville.....	Sat M 1 Sun
266	Gadsden	Hartwell	Walnut Grove.....	David D. Coe.....	Forest Home.....	Sat M 1 Sun
267	Gadsden	Hartwell	Elkska.....	Joseph D. Pool.....	James A. Lazenby.....	3rd Saturday
268	Gadsden	Hartwell	Rose Hill.....	Boulder.....	Brockton.....	Colice.....
269	Gadsden	Hartwell	Shelby.....	Ely T. Riggs.....	Victoria.....	221 Pea River.....
270	Gadsden	Hartwell	Gayleville.....	Elvin J. Chasut.....		
271	Gadsden	Hartwell	Townley.....	Edward W. King.....		
272	Gadsden	Hartwell	Talladega.....	Eugene P. Cason.....		
273	Gadsden	Hartwell	Walnut Grove.....	Jesse T. Campbell.....		
274	Gadsden	Hartwell	Elkska.....	David D. Coe.....		
275	Gadsden	Hartwell	Forest Home.....	James H. Nolin.....		

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256	Baldwin	Huntsville	George W. Clegg	Wm. H. Gilchrist	Wm. D. Connett	Brantley	2 Sat & 4 Mon
257	Lakeville	Lakeville	Wm. Clegg	Wm. H. Gilchrist	Erskine M. Heniford	Larkinsville	2 and 4 Sat
258	Northern	Madison	George M. Haydon	Nathaniel J. Whitaker	New Hope	New Hope	Sat on bef m
259	Sperryville	Sperryville	E. M. McLendon	Ruel M. Hill	Springville	Sat bef 1 & 3 Sun	
260	Charles Beckerville	Charles Beckerville	George W. Clegg	John T. Hallsutter	Payette	Payette	Sat of 1 sun
261	Georgetown	Georgetown	Amasa L. Palmer	Kinney L. Davis	Cordele	Cordele	1st and 3rd Sat
262	Clinton	Clinton	Charles W. Mizell	William L. Thomas	Oakdale	Oakdale	2d & 4 Sat
263	Gillespie	Gillespie	Freeman S. Jenkins	Rutus V. Jenkins	Pawankton	Pawankton	Sat and 4th Sat
264	Fort Deposit	Fort Deposit	Andrew F. Brooks	William L. Harrison	Fort Deposit	Fort Deposit	Fri of 1 and 3 Sun
265	Southard	Southard	John B. Barnum	Thos. S. Sewell, Sr.	Brewton	Brewton	Mon & 3 Sat
266	White	White	Thomas V. Hill	Jesse H. Conch	Windfield	Windfield	1st & 4 Sun
267	Central City	Selma	Theophilus Lacy	Isaac Farzsky	Selma	Selma	2 Wednesdays
268	Wetumpka	Dallas	W. E. Gibbs	J. O. Johnson	Union Grove	Union Grove	Sat bef 1 Sun
269	Lean Check	Dutton Grove	Wm. H. Hippo	N. W. Benfield	Bear Creek	Bear Creek	Sat of 1 & 3 Sun
270	Holly Grove	Martinton	James N. Walker	Logan A. Graham	P. Inocket	P. Inocket	2nd and 4th Sat
271	Oneonta	Pitmon	O. P. Head	William C. Trotter	six Mile	six Mile	1st and 1st Sat
272	Charity	Bluff	O. P. Head	William C. Trotter	Thomasville	Thomasville	1 Saturday
273	Blue Eye	Talladega	James F. Delouch	James F. Delouch	Nashville	Nashville	1st Saturday
274	Oliver	Clarke	Norman Gunn	Samuel G. Stone	Trussville	Trussville	Sat bef 4 Sun
275	Saintfaul	Saintfaul	Wm. W. Barr	Wm. X. Taylor	Linn	Linn	1st Saturday
276	Georgiana Davis	Lynne	Wm. O. M. Franklin	William L. Long	Leon City	Leon City	1st Saturday
277	Clear Creek	Iron City	Wm. M. Barton	Wilson P. Howell	Hamilton	Hamilton	14th Saturday
278	Ragon	Marion	Alvin H. Powell	Harvey O. Sargent	Opark	Opark	6 and 4th Sat
279	Hamilton	Hale	Heles E. Howell	James L. Miller	Hartsboro	Hartsboro	7 & 3 Monday
280	Echo	Russell	C. H. Owen	J. G. Prout	Ozark	Ozark	1st & 3 Monday
281	Hartsboro	Date	L. W. Kolo	H. O. Bowling	Phoenix City	Phoenix City	2 and 4 Thurs
282	Ozark	Oark	J. L. Mullin	J. E. Gandy	Debham	Debham	2d & 1 Saturday
283	Wilson Williams	Phoenix City	Lee	John W. Thompson	Collinsville	Collinsville	2nd Friday
284	Heaton	Graham	Randolph	Robert G. Collier	Ashland	Ashland	Fri bef 2 & 4 Sun
285	Van Buren	Collinsville	Le Kath	Noel W. Wash	Rutledge	Rutledge	1st & 3 Sun
286	Amblard	Bibb	Clay	G. W. Mackey	Lea Killough	Lea Killough	Sat bef 3 Sun
287	Rathledge	Thomaston	John W. Beal	J. J. Henry	Thomasville	Thomasville	1st & 3 Sat
288	Barbour	Hull	Henry T. Burks	James A. Kyle	Scottsboro	Scottsboro	1st bef 1st Sun
289	Newtonville	Houstonboro	Jackeson	Worthy W. Jones	Newtonville	Newtonville	1st bef 1st Sun
290	Newton	Newtonville	Fayle	Henry G. Almon	Waverly	Waverly	1st & 3 Sun
291	Green Creek	Green Creek	Lawrence	Joseph M. Houston	Waverly	Waverly	1st & 3 Sun
292	Chandler	Waverly	Perkins	K. A. Hawkin	Waverly	Waverly	1st & 3 Sun
293	Plowmanville	Waverly	Perkins	James T. Reddine	Waverly	Waverly	1st & 3 Sun

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NAME.	1 st M. AT LOS.	COUNTY.	MASTER.	SECRETARY.	SIT. AUDITORS.	COMMUNI-SATION
451 Newell's Station.....	Stephens.....	St. Clair.....	John A. Gallant.....	Fred Smith.....	Stone.....	Sat 1st & 3 Sun
451 Andalusia.....	Alexander.....	Covington.....	John A. Ray.....	Lawrence J. Salter.....	Antalufia.....	Fri 1 st Sat 3 Sat
451 Ware.....	Alexander City.....	Talladega.....	James M. Pearson.....	Newt W. Walker.....	Alexander City.....	M. 6 th Sat 6 th Sun
451 Winston Star.....	Elk.....	Winston.....	Jas. M. Bennett.....	John W. Wilson.....	Elk.....	2d Saturday
456 Winston Star.....	Fort Payne.....	Dekalb.....	William C. D. Cook.....	Hiram A. McSadden.....	Ft. Payne.....	3rd Friday
457 Fort Payne.....	Houston.....	Houston.....	John H. Armstrong.....	Lawrence W. Barker.....	Houston.....	1st and 3d Sat
458 DeKalb.....	Kirk's Grove.....	Henry.....	Benj. F. LaFever.....	Cedar Bluff, r.f.d. 1 st Sat	Kirk's Grove.....	Cedar Bluff, r.f.d. 1 st Sat of 2 Sun
459 Mount Vernon.....	Cherokee.....	Cherokee.....	John F. Brown.....	Forney.....	Mount Vernon.....	Sat 4 th Sun
440 Forney.....	Forney.....	Thos. B. Jones.....	J. M. Gwin.....	Austin.....	Forney.....	Sat 4 th Sun
441 Calhoun.....	Aniston.....	Calhoun.....	Samuel W. Tate.....	William B. Atkins.....	Gainesville.....	2nd and 4th Sat
445 Calhoun.....	Cahaba.....	Shelby.....	J. W. Buller.....	R. P. Taylor.....	Calera.....	Fri 1 st Sun
446 Leeds.....	Leeds.....	Leeds.....	(Andrew J. Farley.....	R. Madison.....	Leeds.....	2d and 4 Sat
447 Taylor.....	Houston.....	Houston.....	Isaac Ellison.....	R. W. Brown.....	Taylor.....	2d & 4 Sat
448 Coalburg.....	Taylor.....	Taylor.....	John K. Owens.....	J. M. Gwin.....	Gothburg.....	2d & 4 Sat
449 Hanthend.....	Prude Creek.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Thomas L. Birchfield.....	Ellis R. Dickerson.....	Cohort.....	2d & 4 Sat
450 Florida.....	Pratt City.....	Jefferson.....	Thomas A. Page.....	Pratt City.....	Pratt City.....	2d & 4 Sat
452 Bolon'te.....	Dolomit.....	Dolomit.....	H. H. Waldrup.....	Alfred J. Smith.....	Bessemer, r.f.d. 5.....	1 st and 3 Thu
453 Gibson.....	Corona.....	Wa ker.....	W. M. Cunningham.....	W. P. Bleivin.....	Corona.....	Sat of 1 and 3 Sun
454 Lee.....	Opelika.....	Lee.....	Benjamin E. Brownfield.....	Elsie J. Tucker.....	Opelika.....	2d and 4th Tue
455 Beauf.....	Reulah.....	Lee.....	William D. Lynn.....	No man L. Ranton.....	Blanton, r.f.d. 3.....	3d and 4th Sat
456 Sam Thompson.....	Morris.....	Jefferson.....	Allen P. James.....	John O. Anderson.....	Morris.....	2 Fri & 4th Sat
457 Harris.....	Adger.....	Jefferson.....	Jefferson.....	Jeff D. Cowen.....	Alger, r.f.d. 1.....	2 and 4 Sat
458 Bessemer.....	Bessemer.....	Henry C. Moore.....	James M. Tubbs.....	Basement.....	Basement.....	1 and 3 Monday
459 Hardy Howie.....	Birmingham.....	Clay.....	Andrew K. Brooks.....	William G. Preston.....	Birmingham.....	Sat 1 st 2 Sun
460 King Solomon.....	Jefferson.....	John J. White.....	John J. White.....	John S. White.....	Jefferson, r.f.d. 1.....	2d and 4 Tues
461 Ben Sims.....	Jefferson.....	Thomas C. Self.....	Thomas C. Self.....	John N. Self.....	Jefferson, r.f.d. 1.....	Sat of 2 Sunday
462 Corinthian.....	Saginaw.....	Shelby.....	J. C. Walker.....	H. G. Bridgewater.....	Saginaw.....	2 and 4 Thur
463 Addison.....	Addison.....	Winston.....	Aaron B. Speakman.....	Gillor B. Lester.....	Addison.....	2 Sat
464 Halyerville.....	Haleyville.....	Winston.....	Joseph C. Taylor.....	Wesley V. Mayhall.....	Halyerville.....	3rd Saturday
465 Okman.....	Oktoman.....	Walker.....	Mary Cannon.....	W. H. Hutton.....	Oktoman.....	H. 1 st 2 & 4 Sun
466 Dothan.....	Dothan.....	Houston.....	W. M. Murphy.....	J. C. Harry.....	Dothan.....	2d and 4 Sat
467 Kennedy.....	Kennedy.....	Lamar.....	A. H. Collins.....	J. J. Kennedy.....	Kennedy.....	1 Saturday
468 Rednay.....	Tuttilah.....	(Clarke.....	Joseph A. Pettis.....	Willard.....	Tuttilah.....	2d Saturday
469 Enterprise.....	Hoke's Bluff.....	Powhatan.....	James D. Wilder.....	John T. Fike.....	Hoke's Bluff.....	Sat before 2 Sun
470 Hoke's Bluff.....	Enterprise.....	Lawrence.....	Franklin P. Latimers.....	William F. Ford.....	Hoke's Bluff.....	Sat before 2 Sun
471 Whiting.....	Hoke's Bluff.....	Lawrence.....	Walter C. Collier.....	Midleton, H. H. Haigood.....	Whiting.....	Sat before 2 Sun
472 Whiting.....	Lawrence.....	Lawrence.....	Walter C. Collier.....	Carrie, Mc Keown.....	Whiting.....	Sat before 2 Sun
473 Whiting.....	Lawrence.....	Lawrence.....	Walter C. Collier.....	Midleton, H. H. Haigood.....	Whiting.....	Sat before 2 Sun

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670 Easterville	W. J. R. Egan	W. D. McQueen
477 Arondale	J. F. Randolph	C. E. Wilson
478 Bain	William B. Hollister	E. Tandy Hallman
479 Rock Springs	John D. Cain	Jesse C. Webley
480 Salt Lake	Chambers	Joseph W. Newman
481 Locut Port	Jefferson	George W. Terry
482 Millport	Blount	Thomas W. Chambers
483 David Fraternal	Lamar	Lewis C. Blakeney
484 Lebanon	Dora	George L. (griffin) Walker
485 Monroe	Leeta	Francis T. Lautrip
486 Cedar Bluff Cherokee	Cleburne	James T. J. Brown
487 Round Mountain	Monroe	Robert W. McCants
488 Burnt Corn	Burnt Corn	A. Ellis
489 Mahan	Monroe	Mack D. Starling
490 New Decatur	McKab	James K. Kyser
491 Morgan	Morgan	Alex O. Brantley
492 Wylam	Jefferson	James N. Kirby
493 Ashford	Wylam	Ike Schur
494 Carbon Hill	Ashford	P. L. Sawyer
495 Mt. Pinson	Carbon Hill	William H. Ellington
497 Sunny South	Pinson	Walker
498 Bay Minette	Sunny South	George W. Shaw
499 Cleaveland	Baldwin	S. L. Strickland
500 Logan	Blount	Warren A. Johnson
501 Delmar	Culman	John W. Morton
502 Caldwell	National	J. A. Vickery
503 Sheffield	Hillman	George W. Butler
504 Midland City	Cleburne	Jabez N. Harris
505 Irondale	Colbert	Owen K. Cameron
506 George, Morrow	Dale	Samuel M. C. Howell
507 Mt. Sigal	Jefferson	Jeff D. Payne
509 Brookwood	Blount	J. M. Breuer
510 Wilsonville	Cherokee	Wm. J. Brittain
511 Johns	Tuscaloosa	Reese G. Weldon
512 Cunningham	Shelby	Elisha W. Holland
513 Cottonwood	Jefferson	Johns
514 Jas. D. Truss	Blossburg	Jas. Cantley
515 Jas. D. Truss	Cottonwood	Win. J. McCormain
516 Magnolia	Houston	R. V. Locke
518 Davis	St. Clair	Wm. J. Hahn
519 Hewitt	Chambers	Wm. J. Lord
521 Gurley	Dekalb	William J. Walker
522 Cerrinton	Lewisburg	Richard M. Williams
523 Almond	Gentry	Martin H. Dool
	Madison	Edward O. Blackwell
	Mines	James T. Hawks
	Randolph	W. F. McKinney
	Almond	Anderson E. Smith
	Stephens	James M. Chisen
	Stephen	Stephen P. Beweise
		Arnold W. Courtney

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634 Berry	Ferry	Fayette		Robert B. Rosevear	Coleman R. Shepherd
525 Woodlawn Fraternal	Woodlawn	Jefferson		Charles F. Smith	Peter B. Mize
526 Hartcliffburg	Hartcliffburg	Jefferson		Leroy M. Robison	Wm. W. Federick
527 Millington	Millington	Marion		Benjamin F. Jones	Wm. H. Nunnelly
528 Browns X Roads	Browns X Roads	Calhoun		Wm. J. Causey	Henry A. Ettridge
531 Mt. Madison	Mt. Madison	Cleburne		Obadiah H. Brown	Joseph M. Brown
532 Sullicent	Sullicent	Lamar		Robert G. Redden	Robert G. Redden
534 Boerman	Marbury	Autauga		O. C. Maroney	A. Pinson
525 Bangor	Bangor	Blount		Delmas M. Dunton	Ephraim L. Metcay
526 Spring Hill	Spring Hill	Pike		W. William M. Bundy	Thomas R. Seacry
527 Enon	Enon	Monroe		John W. Hadley	Andrew M. Colley
530 Newoka	Newoka	Talladega		James A. Williams	Ira W. Rhodots
529 Starlight	Starlight	Crenshaw		Jerry H. Clark	Benjamin C. Lowman
641 Mt. Union	Mt. Union	Conecuh		Mark A. Trans	Perry W. Sharer
642 Mt. Zion	Zion	Crow		Samuel L. Kitchens	Joe T. Robinson
643 Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Clarke		Samuel L. Zurmely	N. Decatur
644 H. C. Tompkins	Saltilpa	Lowndes		Marshall W. Craven	R. f. d. 2
645 H. C. Tompkins	Fayneville	Marshall		Edward H. Pritchett	Franklin
646 Boaz	Boaz	Montgomery		David A. Morton	Brundidge r. f. d. 1
647 Carmichael	Carmichael	Montgomery		K. W. Harrison	Hadley
649 Carmey	Carmey	Decatur		Jesse E. Metcay	Henryville
650 Dwight	Dwight	Elowah		Harry J. Burnap	Enterprise
651 Frulhurst	Frulhurst	Gibson		R. S. Blackmaw	Amure
652 Brookside	Brookside	Brookside		W. H. Lindsey	N. Decatur
653 Asbury	Asbury	Jefferson		Robert Park	2nd Saturday
654 Crane Hill	Crane Hill	Dale		John F. Lewis	2nd & 4 Friday
655 Holly Pond	Holly Pond	Cullman		Ellis M. Snell	2nd & 4 Thurs
656 Coal City	Coal City	St. Clair		Jefferson G. Land	2nd & 4 Tues
658 Wallace Harlan	Wallace Harlan	Jackson		Oliver B. Wilson	2nd & 4 Sat
659 Franklin	Franklin	Jackson		Ben J. Hamilton	2nd & 4 Mon
660 Cordova	Cordova	Walker		T. E. Morgan	2nd & 4 Tues
661 Franklin	Franklin	Jefferson		R. A. Walker	2nd & 4 Wed
662 Winston	Winston	Winston		J. C. Anderson	2nd & 4 Thurs
663 Calmaria	Calmaria	W. L. Clark		D. T. Stagg	2nd & 4 Fri
664 Vincennes	Vincennes	J. W. S. Hearn		Wm. G. Nelson	Thursdays
665 Laurel	Laurel	Thomas J. Burks		Thomas J. Burks	Sat. & 3 Tu
666 Mason	Mason	Chas. D. Wilson		H. C. Anderson	3rd & 4 Sun
667 D. E. Brod	D. E. Brod	Chas. D. Wilson		Wm. C. Connel	3rd & 4 Mon
668 Gordo	Gordo	James E. Smith		Frankie L. Johnson	3rd & 4 Tues
669 Gordo	Gordo	James E. Smith		Johnnie L. Johnson	3rd & 4 Wed
670 Gordo	Gordo	James E. Smith		Johnnie L. Johnson	3rd & 4 Thu
671 Gordo	Gordo	James E. Smith		Johnnie L. Johnson	3rd & 4 Fri

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570 French Creek	Banks	Wm. J. Johnson, Mrs.	William A. O'Farrell, d. 2	Pat. bef. 1 Sun
571 Proctor	Gaines	Paul Gaines	Tannier, r.	Pat. bef. 1 Sun
572 Patten	Gaines	J. Stuck	James W. Hulme	Mon. & 3 Sun
573 Victoria	Gaines	W. Waller	James W. Hulme	and 4 Monday
574 Duke	Gaines	James Austin	Alfred L. Thorp	Sat. bef. 4 Sun
575 Repton	Gaines	William G. Duke	William E. Kelley	Wellington
576 Clune	Gaines	John S. Watson	Richard H. Riggs, Sr.	Wednesday
577 Jernier	Gaines	William J. Tolbert	James C. Wilson	Land & Sat. Day
578 Tunnel City	Gaines	Samuel H. Dallier	Wm. S. Nash	Fri. bef. 3 Sun
579 Herbert	Gaines	Daniel G. McRadden	Cherie C. White	and 3 Sat.
580 Downing	Gaines	Richard T. Holland	David L. Carter	Castieber
581 Remben	Gaines	Leroy P. Hodnett	Cheesley B. Martin	Lively, rid. 4
582 Blue Springs	Gaines	Wm. H. Caraway	Hughy E. Waller	Blue Springs
583 Cedar Bend	Gaines	Daniel W. Sturkirk	Henry W. Burns	Gadsden, r. d. 1
584 Willow Shealy	Gaines	Indo J. Pinwell	Paul Hoffman	W. 4
585 Odum	America	Giles W. Jones	Radiot L. Leonard	and 4 Wed.
586 Concord	America	John M. Waltrip	Oliver Z. Wadrop	Drifton
587 Franklin	Tennille	E. D. Adams	Talmarie Minn.	and 3 Sat.
588 Prince	C. Jeanor	John P. Melvin	Piper	Tennille
589 Gant	Gant	J. Leand r. Gunter	H. A. Livingston	Saturday
590 Charles	Gant	Griffith R. Horton	Thomas P. Cassidy	Gault.
591 North Birmingham	Jefferson	John F. Kuleigh	E. A. Brown	Tu. & 4 Sun
592 Moody	Jefferson	Jos. M. Atkins	John F. Kuleigh	and 3 Sat.
593 Backster	Marcos	Monroe	W. Atkins	North Birmin' m
595 Brighton	Jefferson	Jefferson	W. Atkins	Odenville, Rt. 1, Sat.
596 Dolcito	Near Dolcito	Jefferson	W. Crimes	et. 2 Sun
597 Coffee Springs	Coffee Springs	Jefferson	E. L. Edmunds	Sat. bef. 4 Sun
598 Greeno	Fairhope	Baldwin	J. C. Laskin	Woodward
599 Slocomb	Slocomb	Geneva	O. Erastus Lay	Blam'r f.d. 6
600 N. A. Wood	Littleton	Jefferson	Harris S. Greeno	2 and 4 Monday
601 Brilliant	Brilliant	Marion	John A. Killingsworth	1 Sa. & Fri. of 38
602 Arley	Arley	Winston	Samuel M. McWayne	Saturday
603 Adamsville	Adamsville	Jefferson	John H. Hollis, Jr.	Stonewb.
604 Healing Springs	Healing Springs	Washington	George C. Thornton	2 and 4 Sun
605 Opel	Opel	Cochrane	James F. Smith	Spruce Pine
606 Olive	Albertville	Marshall	Curtis E. Farley	and 3 Sat.
607 Bentley	Vincent	Sherby	Wm. G. Martin	James W. Hendon
608 Spruce Pine	Brilliant	Spruce Pine	Joshua E. McElmore	Wm. B. Sheld.
609 Stokes	Arley	Falcon	J. A. Whaley, Jr.	Ben M. Lucke.
610 Black Creek	Adamsville	Nauvo	Stephen M. Tansor	A. W. Woolham
611 Pinckard	Healing Springs	Pinckard	John V. Clinton	Geo. W. Williams
612 W. T. Underwood	Opel	Elowah	James F. Smith	Geo. W. Clements
				and 3 Sat.
				Vincent
				Geo. W. Strickland
				Henry G. Baggett
				Dennie D. Miles
				Alfred M. Hyde
				Wm. M. Omary
				Edgar W. Bounree
				Wm. M. Head
				Oscar D. Neighors
				Charles J. Cleveland
				Altona
				and 3 Tues.

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614	Lewis	Midland City	Dale	C. P. Braud	(i. l. Branah	Midland City	1 and 3 Sat
615	A. Bernечy	Flomaton	Escambia	Win. L. Abernethy	James L. Stover	Flomaton	1 and 3 Thur
616	Perryville	Perryville	Perry	George C. Richardson	Benj. F. Garrison	S 3d Thur	2 and 4 Sat
617	Oak Grove	Oak Grove	Dekalb	J. F. Starbuck, Jr.	Thomas D. Blendell	Bartelle	1 d. 1
618	Battelle	Battelle	David Long	Pleasant D. Phillips	Aldger, T. D.	Houston	4 Tues
619	Travis L. Bedsole	Holokon	Marango	Carter W. Terry	James A. Hasty	Nicholasville	4 Saturday
620	Queen	Houston	Winton	F. O. Burdick	J. W. Everett	Houston	Sat 3 Sun
621	Fruitdale	Fruitdale	Washington	Jas. C. Strively	Wm. A. Hairitt	Fruitdale	Mon or b 1 m
622	Ironaton	Ironaton	Talladaga	Thomas A. Costder	Thomas M. Davis	Ironaton	2 and 4 Mon
623	Robert J. Redden	Maylene	Shebly	G. H. Harrell	W. C. Woolen	Maylene	2 and 4 Sat
624	Saint John	Geneva	Blount	Zachariah R. Fuller	James W. Brooks	Geneva, route 1	1 and 4 Sat
625	Dairy Creek	Lehigh	Cleveland	Prestley Toulman	Richard A. Statham	Lehigh	2 and 4 Mon
626	Charles Haynes	Blount	Blount	Montezuma Z. Posey	Albert R. Head	Cleaveland	2 and 4 Sat
627	Garden City	Bayon La. Batre Motte	Garden City	Louis Myer	H. F. Booth	Creola	Every Tues
628	McCormack	Chillum	Mineral Springs	William K. Gamble	James W. Jaggers	Garden City	1 Sat
629	Lurene	Inverne	Crenshaw	William Askew	John F. Morton	Watson	Sat & 3 Wed
630	Hacoda	Hacoda	Picetens	Madison W. Rushion	John T. Ivey	Laverne	2 and 4 Tues
631	Francia	Aliceville	Jefferson	Jefferson S. Adkins	Alfred C. Parker	Hac da	2 and 3 Sat
632	Huffman	Huffman	Clay	Jefferson D. Hines	S. W. Hood	Garden	1 1/2 hrs
633	Molley	Molley	Joel L. Hood	Thomas O. Jones	Clinton M. Rice	Baldwin	Sat 1 & 3 Sun
634	Sanora	Summerdale	Baldwin	Jefferson L. Sharrets	Allen D. Thompson	Summerdale	Sat 1 Sun
635	Bham Temple	Birmingham	Mobile	Walter K. McCaide	Henry W. Linn	Birch Hill	2 and 4 Tues
636	Citronelle	Chironelle	Fuscalosa	Elmer E. Nichols	Edwin S. Moore, Jr.	224 n 2 1/2	Every Thurs
638	James Allis	Posey	Autaura	James Mills	Folio Bay Moyer	Citronelle	2 and 3 Sat
639	Sam Gibbons	Sayre	Jefferson	Elliott E. Bates	James S. Williams	Bunnell	1 and 3 Sat
640	Bayre	Cleburne	Cleburne	John W. Sellers	James F. Posey	Prattville	Fri & 1 Sun
641	Angus M. Scott	Edwardsville	Waterloo	Thomas J. Burion	Isaac F. Perkins	Sayre	Land & 3 Sat
642	Waterloo	Waterloo	St. Clair	James A. Watson	Brids Garrett	Edwardsville	4 Sat
643	Ben M. Jacobs	Ocoee Station	Jefferson	A. K. Ledward	Oliver P. Tucker	Waterloo	1 and 3 Fri
644	Fairview	(Clerwood)	Abernant	William T. Hutto	W. E. Hubbard	Pell City	1 and 3 Thu
645	Glenwood	Glenwood	Glenhawk	Franklin L. Zimmerman	Robert W. Brenner	Birch Hill, r. l. d.	1 and 3 Tue
646	Abernant	Abernant	Tuscaloosa	George W. Green	Robert H. McElhee	Glenwood	Every Mon
647	Miner	Miner	Tuscaloosa	James D. Failes	J. Hiram Nix	Abernant	Land & 3 Sat
648	Webb	Webb	Randolph	Drury W. Smith	Amos Lindley	Wildwood	Fri & 1 & 3 Sun
649	McGinn	McGinn	Houston	James W. Thomas	Alt. L. Bevertt	Dothan, r. f. d.	2 and 4 Sat
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BENJAMIN M. JACOBS
GRAND MASTER

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Ben Moses Jacobs

Is the son of Moses and Caroline Jacobs. He was born August 21, 1859, at Quincy, Ill., and attended the High School of that City until the year 1874. He then began a mercantile life.

Brother Jacobs removed to Columbus, Miss., in the year 1880, but after a few months residence in that place, he cast his future lot in the then new, and what was at that time but a village, Birmingham, Alabama.

Brother Jacobs soon became interested in the Masonic Fraternity, and his interest and devotion to its cause was such, that he was frequently chosen to fill some of the highest offices in its different branches. He has at all times been an earnest and devoted Mason, and ever ready to give of his time and means to support its cause. As stated by Brother Jos. R. Robbins, the able Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Illinois, in his Review of the Alabama Proceedings, that "With Brother Jacobs, Masonry is in the blood. The latter's father, the late Moses Jacobs of this City, having been one of Brother Robbins' first Masonic acquaintances in the West and during his life-time remained among his valued Masonic friends throughout the remainder of his life."

Brother Jacobs was initiated August 15, 1884, passed October 17, 1884, and raised November 21, 1884, in Lasker Lodge No. 441 A. F. & A. M. Advanced December 18, 1888, passed the Chair January 7, 1889, received and accepted January 16, 1889, and was exalted March 14, 1889, in Mineral City Chapter No. 101 R. A. M. He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master October 1, 1891, in Sam Thompson Council No. 43 R. & S. M. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand

Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama in December, 1905, and served for the ensuing cryptic year.

In the history of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry in Alabama, Brother Jacobs has at all times been earnestly interested. He was one of the first class to whom the degrees were communicated early in 1888 in Birmingham, and among other stations filled by him was that of Wise Master of Birmingham Chapter of Rose Croix No. 1 A. A. S. R.

In the organization of Zamora Temple, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, in the fall of 1890, Brother Jacobs was one of the charter members, being elected Recorder shortly thereafter and served as such for five years, and was elected Potentate of the Temple on December 5, 1900, and served as such for the following year. He was also honored as the representative of Zamora Temple to the Imperial Council on three different occasions.

Brother Jacobs was active in the organization of King Solomon Lodge No. 460, A. F. & A. M., in the year 1888. Was one of its charter members. Its first Secretary and continued so for two years, and filled the station of Worshipful Master from 1896 to 1897.

Brother Jacobs served for several years on the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge, and was then appointed Junior Grand Deacon, then Senior Grand Deacon and after passing the R.: W.: Grand Wardens stations and that of R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, he was elected M.: W.: Grand Master of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama, in December, 1906, and served for the ensuing Masonic year. During the absence from the State of M.: W.: Grand Master Henry H. Matthews in 1905, he served a few months as Acting Grand Master and during the critical illness, which resulted in the death of Brother Matthews, Brother Jacobs served as Acting Grand Master, during the entire year of 1906, with the exception of the first few days of Brother Matthews' second term. Owing to a change in the Constitution, making the term of Grand Master for but one year, Brother Jacobs was not eligible for

re-election to a second term, as had been the custom with the Grand Lodge in previous years.

The crowning achievement of Brother Jacob's administration was his successful conduct of the campaign for the Masonic Home. For four or five months he abandoned his business and devoted his entire time to the management of this campaign, and to his untiring, indefatigable efforts is mainly due the credit of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution increasing the per capita tax for the purpose of building, equipping and maintaining the said Home, thus insuring the accomplishment of such purpose, and his memory will be enshrined in the hearts of a grateful posterity.

Political preferment, he has never sought, though his many friends would no doubt have been glad to honor him, had he so desired. He is at present a Member of the Board of Education, of the Birmingham, Ala., Public Schools, having been called to this position, unsought for and unexpected by him, through the unanimous vote of the City Council of that City. He has at all times also taken, an active interest in the affairs of his church, early in life assisting in the organization of the same in Birmingham. From its very start, he has been and still is a member of its Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the same.

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DECEMBER

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The Most Worshipful Grand Master in fitting terms announced the death of our beloved Grand Tiler, Worshipful Brother Charles Alexander Allen, which occurred at his home in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on Saturday morning, the 21st instant.

PALL BEARERS.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed as active Pall Bearers, the following brethren:

THOMAS J. GRAVES,	THOMAS L. PEACH,
JAMES R. STEWART,	JOHN KREITMIER,
HARRY C. CARTER,	CHARLES W. BAGGETT,
DAVID W. CROSSLAND,	THOMAS H. HOWE.

The Grand Lodge was then called off.

The Grand Marshal formed procession and the Grand Lodge moved in a body and proceeded with the remains to Oak Wood Cemetery, where all that was mortal of our beloved Grand Tiler, Charles Alexander Allen, was laid to rest, with the Masonic Burial Service, performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by M.: W.: Brother Benjamin M. Jacobs, Grand Master, assisted by the brethren.

The procession then returned to the Hall of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173.

CLOSED.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

**BENJAMIN M. JACOBS.
Grand Master.**

**GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.**

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA
AT THE
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 1907

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction, commenced its Eighty-seventh Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple in the City of Montgomery, on the afternoon of Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, on the third day of December, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.

PRESENT.

BENJAMIN M. JACOBS.....	Grand Master
HUGH S. D. MALLORY.....	Deputy Grand Master.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Senior Grand Warden.
DANIEL A. GREENE.....	Junior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BLEDSOE.....	Grand Chaplain.
DAVID W. MCIVER.....	Grand Marshal.
JOSEPH H. EDWARDS.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
THOMAS G. BUSH, JR.....	as Junior Grand Deacon.
ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY.....	Senior Grand Steward.
JAMES ALEXANDER MOORE.....	Junior Grand Steward.
CHARLES J. WALKER.....	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

JOHN G. HARRIS-----	Past Grand Master.
GEORGE P. HARRISON-----	Past Grand Master.
JAMES A. BILBRO-----	Past Grand Master.
B. DUDLEY WILLIAMS-----	Past Grand Master.
RUSSELL M. CUNNINGHAM-----	Past Grand Master.
ROBERT J. REDDEN-----	Past Grand Master.
GEORGE A. JOINER-----	Past Grand Secretary.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Alberta -----	Robert E. Steiner.
Arizona -----	George P. Harrison.
Arkansas -----	Henry C. Miller.
British Columbia -----	Lew Lazarus.
Colorado -----	F. L. Zimmermann.
Connecticut -----	Robert J. Redden.
Costa Rica -----	Elliott G. Rickarby.
District of Columbia-----	John B. Lyons.
Florida -----	Russell M. Cunningham.
Georgia -----	James A. Bilbro.
Idaho -----	John G. Harris.
Illinois -----	William W. Daffin.
Kansas -----	Samuel W. Tate.
Maine -----	B. Dudley Williams.
Manitoba -----	Jesse M. Carmichael.
Maryland -----	Jacob D. Bloch.
Michigan -----	William J. Orum.
Minnesota -----	Angus M. Scott.
Mississippi -----	James A. Moore.
Missouri -----	Hezeriah G. Earnest.
Montana -----	William A. Arnold.
Nebraska -----	Joseph H. Edwards.
New Jersey -----	Ben M. Jacobs.
New South Wales -----	Hugh S. D. Mallory.
New York -----	George P. Harrison.
New Zealand -----	Louis Bloch.
North Carolina -----	Basil M. Hill.
Ohio -----	Jesse M. Carmichael.
Oregon -----	John B. Christian.
Rhode Island -----	Hinds Peevey.
South Australia -----	George F. Sedberry.
South Dakota -----	Francis H. Bates.
Virginia -----	George A. Beauchamp.
Western Australia -----	William Yates Titcomb.
West Virginia -----	Daniel A. Greene.

AND MASTERS, WARDENS AND PROXIES FROM SUB-
ORDINATE LODGES AS FOLLOWS:

1	Helion	-----	Leroy C. Sugg	W. M.
			J. W. Battle	S. W.
			J. W. Skinner*	J. W.
3	Alabama	-----	R. Perry	W. M.
			II. J. Coxwell	J. W.
4	Rising Virtue	-----	Walter Smith*	W. M.
			I. Friedman	J. W.
6	Moulton	-----	H. A. Bragg*	W. M.
			W. W. Daffin	W. M.
7	Macon	-----	M. E. Chapman	S. W.
			E. R. McLeod	J. W.
8	Farrar	-----	H. H. Henderson*	W. M.
9	Gilead	-----	O. H. Watson	S. W.
10	Royal White Hart	-----	Chas. Capel*	W. M.
			John L. Harris	W. M.
11	Montgomery	-----	Joseph Seeman	S. W.
			Emanuel Ketzky	J. W.
14	Florence	-----	Mitchell Malone	W. M.
22	St. Albans	-----	J. M. Miller	W. M.
			O. P. Tucker	S. W.
24	George Washington	-----	W. B. Williams	S. W.
25	Dale	-----	N. D. Godbold*	W. M.
			Francis M. Purifoy*	S. W.
26	Lafayette	-----	L. J. Lawson	W. M.
			E. S. Starr*	W. M.
27	Selma Fraternal	-----	Louis Raymond*	S. W.
			A. W. Archer, Sr.*	J. W.
29	Rising Sun	-----	Charles C. Robertson	W. M.
			A. M. Andrews	S. W.
31	Autauga	-----	W. E. Wallace	W. M.
			C. H. Roy	S. W.
39	Wetumpka	-----	L. W. Farrow*	W. M.
40	Mobile	-----	H. A. Forchheimer	W. M.
			J. D. Bloch*	S. W.
41	Livingston	-----	D. S. Brockway	W. M.
43	Leighton	-----	John C. Giddens	W. M.
46	Harmony	-----	Seth Mabry	W. M.
			Julius J. Paulint*	S. W.
			J. M. Blackman	J. W.
49	Demopolis	-----	Jacob Bley	W. M.
			Jesse B. Hearin*	S. W.

50	Union	{ John S. Kennedy	W. M.
		{ W. M. Neely*	S. W.
		{ S. T. Townsend	J. W.
54	Amity	{ E. W. Gosa*	W. M.
		{ Stephen A. Pilley*	W. M.
56	Troy	{ W. L. Hillard	S. W.
		{ Chas. F. White*	J. W.
57	Tuskegee	{ W. B. Riley	W. M.
		{ Thomas F. Taylor*	J. W.
59	Benton	{ G. W. Hardy	S. W.
		{ R. B. Hardy	J. W.
		{ C. C. Clark	W. M.
62	St. Johns	{ J. W. Dykes	S. W.
		{ C. M. Franklin	J. W.
63	Social	{ J. L. Alley*	W. M.
64	Eureka	{ B. H. Whittington*	W. M.
		{ R. A. Lee	J. W.
67	Hampden Sidney	{ C. W. Chapman	W. M.
		{ D. F. Berry*	S. W.
		{ J. B. Stamp*	J. W.
69	Howard	{ Chas. L. Lehman*	W. M.
		{ I. Lichtbach*	S. W.
70	Central	{ E. S. Lyman	W. M.
		{ J. A. Moore*	S. W.
		{ R. T. Ward	W. M.
71	Dadeville	{ W. C. Roeck*	S. W.
		{ G. R. Shaffer*	J. W.
72	Widows Son	{ G. A. Barge	W. M.
74	Solomon	{ W. C. Bledsoe	W. M.
75	Cokerville	{ G. L. Brantley*	W. M.
		{ A. McB. Ransom	W. M.
76	Auburn	{ R. S. Mackintosh	S. W.
		{ E. Mead Wilcox	J. W.
79	Fredonia	{ M. V. Maley	W. M.
		{ C. L. Cleveland	W. M.
83	Friendship	{ J. C. Hicks*	S. W.
		{ J. H. Reeves*	J. W.
84	Erophotic	{ R. F. Twombly*	S. W.
89	Prattville	{ W. M. Anthony*	M. W.
		{ Jas. M. Ward	J. W.
90	Pfister	{ E. M. Kelley	S. W.
		{ A. S. Frazier	J. W.
91	Henry	{ Lucius S. Nichols	W. M.
		{ James E. Searcy*	S. W.

93	Sawyer -----	Douglas Smith* -----	W. M.
95	Danville -----	{ Martin T. Roden-----	W. M.
		{ R. L. Penn* -----	S. W.
96	Tuckabatchee -----	B. T. Prince* -----	W. M.
		{ Oliver L. Stewart-----	W. M.
97	Lozahatchee -----	{ I. J. Davis -----	S. W.
		{ A. S. Stewart* -----	J. W.
99	Salem -----	{ W. T. Gilbert-----	W. M.
		{ Louie Dixon* -----	S. W.
		{ B. Dudley Williams-----	W. M.
101	Hartwell -----	{ E. C. Dickinson-----	S. W.
		{ W. T. Dodd* -----	J. W.
102	Newbern -----	John H. Turpin-----	W. M.
104	Good Samaritan -----	{ Frank A. Clark-----	W. M.
		{ G. A. Bleazey* -----	J. W.
105	Shiloh -----	S. P. Tucker-----	W. M.
107	Choctaw -----	W. N. Horn*-----	W. M.
		{ W. P. Barnett-----	W. M.
110	Forest Hill -----	{ H. M. Marlow-----	S. W.
		{ M. J. Huffman-----	J. W.
111	Sylvan -----	J. V. Abernathy*-----	W. M.
112	Dean -----	F. L. Tatom*-----	W. M.
116	DeKalb -----	{ R. A. Burt-----	W. M.
		{ W. M. Dobbs-----	S. W.
119	Notasulga -----	{ F. M. Bryant-----	W. M.
		{ S. A. Wood* -----	J. W.
120	Camp Hill -----	H. E. Ohme*-----	W. M.
122	Coffeeville -----	{ J. W. Jackson-----	W. M.
		{ G. Scruggs, Jr.*-----	J. W.
123	Moundville -----	R. A. Owens-----	W. M.
129	Geneva -----	W. D. Campbell*-----	W. M.
131	Yorkville -----	Thomas T. Gore-----	W. M.
132	Roanoke -----	W. G. Floyd-----	W. M.
134	Wiley -----	G. A. Kindred*-----	W. M.
		{ W. L. Lee-----	W. M.
135	Columbia -----	{ A. J. Armstrong*-----	S. W.
		{ C. L. C. Atkeson*-----	J. W.
136	Unity -----	A. B. Curtis-----	W. M.
137	Rockford -----	{ J. W. Miller-----	W. M.
		{ S. M. Carlton-----	S. W.
		{ F. M. Selman-----	J. W.
		{ Geo. E. Mason-----	W. M.
140	Shelby -----	{ C. C. Heard*-----	S. W.
		{ Rufus Lester*-----	J. W.

142	Baldwin	P. M. Hodgson	W. M.
145	Fraternity	H. J. Gibbs	W. M.
147	Rogersville	L. M. Foster	S. W.
148	Cold Water	{ J. U. Ray C. P. Martin	W. M. S. W.
149	Chambers	W. J. Slay	W. M.
153	Monroeville	T. M. McMillan	W. M.
154	Nixburg	{ Lofton Thomas E. E. Studenmire	W. M. S. W.
161	Penick	J. A. Howie	W. M.
162	Hendrix	J. C. Herman	J. W.
163	Fayetteville Authentic	James H. Hastie*	W. M.
168	Mount Hope	John M. McKinnon*	J. W.
170	Elba	{ A. V. Buck J. A. Carnley W. H. Moody	W. M. S. W. J. W.
171	Ariton	{ S. S. Jones J. E. Lewis*	W. M. S. W.
172	Fellowship	{ James D. Lowe W. A. Estes	W. M. S. W.
173	Andrew Jackson	{ Robert S. Teague* Duncan Campbell Frank McPherson	W. M. S. W. J. W.
177	Orion	James I. Clarcy	W. M.
178	DeSotoville	{ W. R. Christopher C. F. Britt*	W. M. S. W.
180	Mt. Hilliard	J. T. Sims*	S. W.
184	Brundidge	J. W. Williams*	W. M.
185	Mt. Eagle	R. R. Slaughter	W. M.
186	Ashville	N. A. Hood	W. M.
188	Clintonville	J. N. Hornsby*	W. M.
189	Delta	T. R. Lenoir	W. M.
190	Tombigee	W. G. Allen	S. W.
192	Chattahoochee	{ J. W. Killgore* R. J. Williams J. W. Jones	W. M. S. W. J. W.
193	Hopewell	{ W. E. Walker F. H. Foster* B. F. Darwell*	W. M. S. W. J. W.
197	Hillabee	Geo. W. McElhiney	W. M.
198	Caledonia	{ J. E. Hall Joe Meadows Chas. Jeffcote	W. M. S. W. J. W.

10 Kilgee -----	{ Nathan Landen* -----	W. M.
	{ D. C. Kent-----	S. W.
10 Sylacauga -----	J. D. Crow* -----	S. W.
11 Lapine -----	S. J. Thrower* -----	W. M.
17 Elkmont -----	T. P. Wood* -----	W. M.
18 Alexandria -----	D. D. Weaver-----	W. M.
19 Marshall -----	W. B. Hope-----	W. M.
22 Putman -----	H. Gibson* -----	W. M.
14 Carrollton -----	M. B. Curry-----	W. M.
.8 Sam Dixon -----	Thomas Bradford-----	W. M.
19 Lineville -----	R. A. Spear-----	W. M.
21 Tensaw -----	Geo. W. Holmes* -----	W. M.
22 Western Star -----	L. A. Sturdivant-----	S. W.
23 Mt. Carmel -----	{ G. W. Dean-----	W. M.
	{ W. A. Watson* -----	J. W.
24 Newton -----	W. H. Yarbrough*-----	W. M.
25 Louisville -----	{ Adam A. Capel-----	W. M.
	{ E. M. Taylor* -----	S. W.
26 Santa Fe -----	C. P. Loranz-----	W. M.
27 James Penn -----	Thomas R. Horne-----	W. M.
23 Sepulga -----	{ T. A. Jones-----	W. M.
	{ P. Lewis* -----	J. W.
	{ Henry B. Myers* -----	W. M.
26 Gadsden -----	{ J. A. Bilbro* -----	S. W.
	{ H. Todd* -----	J. W.
28 Fairmount -----	{ Jacob Johnston* -----	W. M.
	{ C. S. Thames* -----	S. W.
	{ A. K. Whetstone-----	W. M.
22 Coosa -----	Berry Wood-----	S. W.
	{ Isaac C. Hall* -----	J. W.
23 Ramer -----	N. H. McCrummen-----	W. M.
25 John Payne -----	{ M. R. Seay-----	W. M.
	{ John M. Ayres*-----	S. W.
26 Harrison -----	{ R. D. Windham-----	W. M.
	{ C. O. Drinkard*-----	J. W.
27 Seddon -----	W. L. Lloyd*-----	W. M.
28 Lawrence -----	{ W. E. McGeo*-----	W. M.
	{ B. O. Bowden*-----	S. W.
20 Amand -----	{ J. S. Jones-----	W. M.
	{ J. M. Curlee*-----	S. W.
	{ J. T. Allen*-----	J. W.
22 Northport -----	{ W. S. Persinger*-----	W. M.
	{ J. H. Spencer*-----	S. W.

253	Rose Hill	{ S. A. Howell* ----- W. M. D. I. Henderson ----- S. W. T. E. Henderson ----- J. W.
254	Quitman	E. P. Rigsby ----- W. M.
256	Gaylesville	F. L. Aldridge* ----- W. M.
257	Ervin	{ Joseph J. Grace ----- W. M. E. L. Lankford ----- S. W. O. Manasco ----- J. W.
261	Talladega	{ G. A. Joiner* ----- W. M. L. J. Wright* ----- S. W.
264	Walnut Grove	T. J. Chadwick ----- W. M.
270	Forest Home	H. D. Lazenby ----- S. W.
271	Pea River	{ D. Yohn ----- W. M. S. H. Nolen ----- S. W. A. P. Boutwell ----- J. W.
276	Bullock	{ B. F. Colquett* ----- W. M. M. L. McSwean ----- S. W. G. B. Tisdale ----- J. W.
277	Larkinsville	P. F. Cowart ----- W. M.
278	Northern	{ Nathaniel Whitaker ----- W. M. Peter Allen ----- S. W. J. S. Keel ----- J. W.
280	Springville	{ E. M. McClendon ----- W. M. B. M. Hill* ----- S. W.
281	Chas. Baskerville	Geo. W. Coggin ----- W. M.
285	Georgiana	K. L. Davis* ----- W. M.
287	Clinton	C. W. Mizell ----- W. M.
290	Gillespie	Freeman S. Jenkins ----- W. M.
291	Ft. Deposit	{ A. F. Brooks ----- W. M. M. T. Bailey ----- S. W. R. J. Carr ----- J. W.
301	Norris	{ J. B. O'Bannon ----- W. M. W. T. Neal* ----- S. W.
304	Winfield	{ J. B. Vickery ----- S. W. R. F. Wheeler* ----- J. W.
320	Warrenton	J. K. Huckaby ----- S. W.
324	Oneonta	Aquila J. Ketchum ----- W. M.
331	Charity	{ C. E. Haskin ----- W. M. W. H. Thomas ----- S. W.
332	Blue Eye	A. H. Griffin ----- W. M.
334	Oliver	{ Norman Gunn ----- W. M. E. S. Pugh ----- S. W. E. L. Hestle* ----- J. W.

355	Nanafalia		B. F. Davis*	W. M.
			J. B. Johnson	S. W.
			J. C. Christopher	J. W.
338	Georgiana Davis		J. M. Palmer	S. W.
			W. O. M. Franklin	J. W.
			Mack Pearce*	W. M.
344	Hamilton		J. A. Mays	S. W.
			A. H. Burleson	J. W.
346	Hurtsboro		T. J. Pruett	J. W.
349	Ozark		L. E. Marley*	S. W.
			M. Dowling	J. W.
354	Heaton		J. W. Thomason	W. M.
355	Van Buren		Chas. W. Seale*	W. M.
			William R. Roberts	J. W.
357	Rutledge		J. M. Whatley	W. M.
359	Scottsboro		J. R. Freeman	W. M.
			J. A. Kyle*	J. W.
360	Newtonville		James A. Thornton	W. M.
361	Town Creek		W. T. Sullivant*	W. M.
364	Pleasant Site		John B. Peden	W. M.
			M. T. Sprague	W. M.
369	Athelstan		R. A. Christian*	S. W.
			R. W. Southerland*	J. W.
371	Russellville		John T. Ezzell*	W. M.
377	Lake City		R. J. Perry*	W. M.
378	Weogulka		Geo. H. Stewart	W. M.
			W. I. Rayfield	S. W.
			J. B. Green	J. W.
379	Robert E. Lee		Simon Patterson	W. M.
380	Ohatchie		A. D. Meharg	W. M.
381	E. H. Cook		J. H. Malone	W. M.
383	Attalla		John P. Stewart	W. M.
384	Birmingham Fraternal		Arthur Gledhill	W. M.
			W. B. Copeland	S. W.
			John B. Bethea	J. W.
386	Trinity		Daniel N. Sims	W. M.
388	Newburgh		Joseph B. McClellan*	W. M.
389	Vernon		John Cooper Milner	W. M.
390	Weathers		W. J. Knight	W. M.
392	Hickory Flat		N. L. Littlefield	W. M.
396	Falkville		S. S. Leemon*	W. M.
398	Hartselle		C. J. Walker*	W. M.
			J. L. Draper	S. W.

399	Haw Ridge	R. T. Jones	S. W.
400	Hanceville	M. C. Taylor*	W. M.
402	Green Hill	G. C. Thigpen	W. M.
403	Childersburg	{ W. A. Conville* W. H. Hutchinson	{ W. M. S. W.
406	Dorie	{ R. L. Harris* J. F. Burton* Alonzo Mason*	{ W. M. S. W. J. W.
409	Hartford	{ J. M. Laminons* J. B. Doughtry O. L. Rivenbark	{ W. M. S. W. J. W.
410	Helena	{ R. V. Ray John Bishop	{ W. M. S. W.
411	Jemison	{ L. H. Reynolds Alex Glasscock W. G. Atkinson	{ W. M. S. W. J. W.
412	Amberson	James D. Amberson	W. M.
416	Williamsburg	J. R. Lawson	S. W.
417	George Smith	J. B. Vines	W. M.
419	Hilton	D. H. Best	S. W.
421	Cullman Fraternal	{ G. W. Haulin* S. H. Johnson	{ W. M. S. W.
423	Clanton	{ J. R. Mullins J. W. Stanfield*	{ W. M. S. W.
425	Temple	{ F. H. Bates W. H. May* C. A. Wilkinson*	{ W. M. S. W. J. W.
428	Belgreen	G. W. Dillard	W. M.
429	Milo Abercrombie	{ L. A. Lyon J. B. Letcher B. W. Booth	{ W. M. S. W. J. W.
432	Steel's Station	J. A. Gallant	W. M.
434	Andalusia	{ R. E. Moore* M. O. Moore	{ W. M. J. W.
435	Ware	S. V. Pike*	W. M.
436	Winston Star	Fred M. Wilson	W. M.
438	Headland	{ Jordan I. Hodges W. T. Jarvis G. T. Pickett	{ W. M. S. W. J. W.
439	Mount Vernon	{ John W. O'Bryant T. J. Davis	{ W. M. S. W.
440	Forney	{ J. W. Patty* Robert Abernathy	{ W. M. S. W.

443	Anniston	-----	{ S. W. Tate* ----- W. M. J. F. Spearman ----- S. W. James T. Greene* ----- J. W.
445	Calera	-----	I. W. Bailey ----- W. M.
446	Leeds	-----	{ C. R. Kreider ----- W. M. J. M. Dorough ----- J. W.
447	Taylor	-----	{ Isaac Hinson* ----- W. M. J. C. Shiver* ----- J. W.
448	Coalburg	-----	{ George Green* ----- S. W. Tom Paxton ----- J. W.
450	Florida	-----	{ Thomas L. Stovall ----- W. M. John T. Massengale ----- S. W. J. B. Smart ----- J. W.
452	Dolomite	-----	{ C. P. Burnett ----- W. M. A. J. Smith* ----- S. W. E. J. Boyd* ----- J. W.
453	Gibson	-----	W. M. Cunningham ----- W. M.
454	Lee	-----	J. B. Lyons* ----- W. M.
455	Beulah	-----	{ G. G. Williams ----- W. M. W. D. Lynn* ----- S. W. J. L. Yarbrough* ----- J. W.
456	Sam Thompson	-----	W. F. McAnally ----- S. W.
458	Bessemer	-----	{ J. H. Wiles ----- W. M. Samuel Stein* ----- S. W. B. L. Davis* ----- J. W.
459	Hardy Howle	-----	O. H. Brooks ----- W. M.
460	King Solomon	-----	{ J. D. Matlock ----- S. W. Jacob Friedman ----- J. W.
462	Corinthian	-----	F. S. McLane* ----- S. W.
464	Haleyville	-----	{ A. F. Blanton* ----- W. M. W. P. Vickery ----- S. W. H. F. Stagner* ----- J. W.
465	Oakman	-----	{ S. H. Moore ----- W. M. M. T. Hutto ----- S. W. A. P. Delane ----- J. W.
466	Dothan	-----	{ B. O. Hay ----- W. M. D. M. Hatcher ----- S. W. O. M. Murphy ----- J. W.
470	Hoke's Bluff	-----	W. A. Browning ----- S. W.
471	Mt. Willing	-----	A. D. Coleman* ----- W. M.
472	Baileyton	-----	{ J. T. Winn ----- W. M. C. S. Biggers ----- S. W. W. C. Winn ----- J. W.
473	Stanton	-----	W. J. Ruddick ----- W. M.
474	Blocton	-----	J. M. Turner ----- W. M.

475 Deatsville -----	{ J. H. Luther -----	W. M.
	{ J. M. Moncree* -----	J. W.
	{ Geo. Whiffield* -----	M. W.
476 Avondale -----	{ Geo. F. Garrett -----	S. W.
	{ Joseph Brower* -----	J. W.
477 Renfroe -----	M. H. Sims* -----	W. M.
478 Guin -----	C. W. Springfield -----	J. W.
479 Rock Springs -----	G. W. Newman -----	W. M.
	{ O. B. Newman -----	W. M.
480 East Lake -----	{ M. L. Davidson -----	S. W.
	{ John F. Bishop* -----	J. W.
481 Locust Fork -----	E. L. Tidwell -----	W. M.
483 Davis Fraternal -----	William J. Owen* -----	W. M.
	{ T. J. Brown -----	W. M.
484 Lebanon -----	{ O. E. Butler -----	S. W.
	{ A. J. McEachern -----	J. W.
487 Round Mountain -----	F. K. Edge* -----	J. W.
489 Burnt Corn -----	James K. Ayser -----	W. M.
491 New Decatur -----	C. McMillan* -----	W. M.
492 Wylam -----	J. H. Edwards* -----	W. M.
493 Ashford -----	{ J. G. Sexton -----	W. M.
	{ J. A. Turner -----	J. W.
495 Mt. Pinson -----	Tobias Zopfi -----	W. M.
497 Sunny South -----	S. L. Strickland -----	W. M.
498 Bay Minette -----	J. M. Standard -----	W. M.
500 Logan -----	J. A. Vickery -----	W. M.
501 Delmar -----	Thomas G. Dupree -----	W. M.
503 Sheffield -----	L. Junker -----	W. M.
	{ S. M. C. Howell* -----	W. M.
504 Midland City -----	{ J. W. Faulk -----	S. W.
	{ W. H. Jerkins -----	J. W.
506 Irondale -----	W. J. Cardwell* -----	W. M.
	{ W. J. Brittain -----	W. M.
508 Mt. Signal -----	{ D. W. Gilmer -----	S. W.
	{ William Siglin* -----	J. W.
511 Johns -----	{ S. H. Strickland -----	W. M.
	{ F. H. Walbun* -----	S. W.
512 Cunningham -----	{ W. J. McMurran -----	W. M.
	{ R. V. Locke -----	S. W.
514 Cottonwood -----	{ W. I. Haan -----	W. M.
	{ J. K. P. Ketchum* -----	S. W.
515 Jas. D. Truss -----	W. J. Walker -----	W. M.
516 Magnolia -----	{ W. L. Waller* -----	W. M.
	{ Chas. Stathem* -----	S. W.

19	Hewitt	J. M. Massey	W. M.
25	Woodlawn Fraternal	H. G. Colmer	W. M.
		P. E. Daniels	J. W.
29	Browns X Roads	M. C. Stephenson	W. M.
		W. N. Skelton	S. W.
		N. A. Morgan*	J. W.
		Joseph M. Brown*	W. M.
31	Muscadine	E. E. Grizzard	S. W.
		C. T. Benfield	J. W.
32	Sulligent	A. S. Gray	W. M.
		R. J. Redden*	S. W.
34	Bozeman	J. T. Darman	W. M.
35	Bangor	W. C. Dutton	W. M.
		T. R. Searcey	W. M.
36	Spring Hill	R. C. Boutwell*	S. W.
		R. P. Rhodes	J. W.
37	Enon	R. F. Hixon*	W. M.
39	Wewoka	J. A. Williams	W. M.
40	Searight	C. O. Lowman*	W. M.
		J. Q. Lowman*	S. W.
41	Mt. Union	F. M. Deer*	S. W.
		P. S. McKinley	J. W.
42	Mt. Zion	Sam L. Kitchens	W. M.
44	H. Clay Armstrong	W. H. Fleming*	W. M.
		C. E. Doyle	S. W.
		S. B. York	J. W.
45	H. C. Tompkins	H. M. Caffey	W. M.
		Evans Hinson*	S. W.
46	Boaz	D. A. Morton*	W. M.
48	Carmichael	Chas. S. Livingston*	W. M.
49	Carney	J. W. Baker, Jr.	W. M.
		J. C. Campbell*	S. W.
		T. H. Walnwright*	J. W.
50	Dwight	J. E. Prince	W. M.
52	Brookside	I. T. Love	W. M.
53	Asbury	E. M. Snell	W. M.
		J. W. Hughes*	S. W.
		A. B. Metcalf*	J. W.
54	Crane Hill	J. G. Land	W. M.
		S. J. Calvert	S. W.
		J. K. Land*	J. W.
55	Holly Pond	N. S. Stisher*	W. M.
56	Coal City	J. W. Patterson	S. W.
		Leander W. Sheffield*	W. M.

558	Wallace Haralson	-----	E. Moody	-----	S. W.
			{ W. M. Stokes	-----	W. M.
559	Cordova	-----	{ J. M. Miller*	-----	S. W.
			{ J. M. Shaver*	-----	J. W.
560	Ensley	-----	M. A. Ponder*	-----	W. M.
561	Upshaw	-----	J. W. Edmondson	-----	J. W.
562	Vinemont	-----	{ W. M. Shetlesworth	-----	W. M.
			{ W. E. O'Brian	-----	S. W.
563	Isney	-----	John Green	-----	S. W.
			{ L. D. Elrod	-----	W. M.
564	Gordo	-----	{ A. M. Connell	-----	S. W.
			{ J. E. Brown*	-----	J. W.
566	Clio	-----	{ William A. Arnold	-----	W. M.
			{ C. II. Jones	-----	S. W.
567	Century	-----	{ W. C. Dickinson*	-----	W. M.
			{ D. Donovan*	-----	J. W.
568	Eulaton	-----	F. W. Foster*	-----	W. M.
569	Anna Norton	-----	T. J. McDowell*	-----	S. W.
570	Fresco	-----	{ J. M. Falkner	-----	W. M.
			{ Samuel H. McWaters	-----	S. W.
573	Victoria	-----	Burt Withite*	-----	W. M.
574	Duke	-----	William W. Wester	-----	W. M.
575	Repton	-----	{ E. L. Kelly	-----	W. M.
			{ L. C. Gaston	-----	J. W.
576	Cline	-----	Lafayette F. Davis	-----	W. M.
			{ S. H. Dalley	-----	W. M.
578	Tunnel City	-----	{ John C. Morrison*	-----	S. W.
			{ D. R. Nettles*	-----	J. W.
579	Herbert	-----	{ George Kuffner*	-----	S. W.
			{ H. J. Gentry	-----	J. W.
580	Downing	-----	{ J. B. Beard	-----	W. M.
			{ S. Castleberry*	-----	S. W.
			{ D. L. Carter	-----	J. W.
581	Reuben	-----	Leroy P. Hodnett	-----	W. M.
			{ J. S. Nelson*	-----	W. M.
582	Blue Springs	-----	{ J. S. Helmes	-----	S. W.
			{ S. W. Turner	-----	J. W.
583	Cedar Bend	-----	J. R. Lister	-----	W. M.
585	Odom	-----	{ Giles W. Jones	-----	W. M.
			{ William Hendrix*	-----	S. W.
586	Concord	-----	{ J. G. Vines*	-----	W. M.
			{ H. J. Sexton	-----	S. W.
587	Franklin	-----	{ E. D. Adams	-----	W. M.
			{ H. J. Jackson*	-----	S. W.

588	Prince	-----	{ J. P. Melvin ----- W. M. J. F. Jenkins* ----- S. W.
589	Gantt	-----	{ J. L. Gunter ----- W. M. Lon Williams* ----- S. W.
591	Nort. Birmingham	-----	{ M. P. McGlathery ----- W. M. George B. Tarrant ----- S. W.
592	Moody	-----	J. M. Adkins ----- S. W.
595	Brighton	-----	J. L. Pike* ----- W. M.
597	Coffee Springs	-----	{ Thomas W. Dollar ----- W. M. Edward H. Murdick* ----- S. W. Benjamin J. Austin* ----- J. W.
598	Greeno	-----	H. S. Greeno* ----- W. M.
599	Slocomb	-----	J. A. Killingsworth ----- W. M.
600	M. A. Wood	-----	{ James A. Tate ----- W. M. T. H. Putnam ----- J. W.
601	Brilliant	-----	{ James A. Wates* ----- W. M. Thomas W. Fisher ----- J. W.
603	Adamsville	-----	J. H. Burton ----- W. M.
604	Healing Springs	-----	D. F. Knapp ----- J. W.
605	Opp	-----	{ M. G. Taylor ----- W. M. J. A. Whaley, Jr.* ----- S. W. T. A. Goodwin ----- J. W.
607	Bentley	-----	{ D. G. Smith ----- W. M. G. W. Clements* ----- S. W.
608	Spruce Pine	-----	G. W. Lawhorn ----- W. M.
609	Stokes	-----	{ Andrew J. Cross ----- W. M. George T. Coxwell* ----- S. W.
611	Pinckard	-----	E. W. Rountree ----- W. M.
612	W. T. Underwood	-----	J. C. Wald ----- W. M.
613	Lexington	-----	G. W. Thigpen ----- W. M.
614	Lewis	-----	{ C. P. Branan ----- W. M. Geo. L. Branan ----- J. W.
616	Perryville	-----	R. L. Potts ----- S. W.
617	Oak Grove	-----	{ D. F. Staggs, Jr., ----- W. M. J. S. Wilkey* ----- S. W.
618	Battelle	-----	{ Thos. H. Morgan ----- W. M. P. D. Phillips* ----- S. W.
620	Queen	-----	{ W. C. Tidwell ----- W. M. John H. Anderson ----- S. W.
621	Fruitdale	-----	W. A. Haight ----- W. M.
622	Ironaton	-----	{ Geo. L. Tharp* ----- W. M. T. G. Bush, Jr.,* ----- S. W.
623	Robert J. Redden	-----	{ J. S. Kellum* ----- S. W. G. F. Peters ----- J. W.

624 Samson -----	{ J. H. White -----	W. M.
	{ J. H. Holly -----	S. W.
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625 Lehigh -----	R. A. N. Statham -----	J. W.
627 Charles Haynes -----	Louis Myer -----	W. M.
631 Haacoda -----	Boykin S. Adams -----	W. M.
	{ T. W. Franklin -----	W. M.
633 Huffman -----	{ W. J. Franklin -----	S. W.
	{ T. O. Jones* -----	J. W.
634 Motley -----	J. L. Hood -----	W. M.
635 Sonora -----	G. L. Sharrett -----	W. M.
	{ Walter K. McAdory* -----	W. M.
636 Birmingham Temple -----	{ F. A. Hewett -----	S. W.
	{ Frank S. Andress* -----	J. W.
637 Citronelle -----	R. Roy Moyers -----	J. W.
638 James Mills -----	James Mills, Jr. -----	W. M.
	{ T. R. Goodson* -----	W. M.
639 Sam Gibbons -----	{ W. H. Rogers -----	S. W.
640 Sayre -----	R. R. Montgomery* -----	W. M.
641 Angus M. Scott -----	O. E. Johnson* -----	W. M.
643 Ben M. Jacobs -----	Austin E. Ledyard -----	W. M.
644 Fairview -----	H. Nixon -----	W. M.
	{ J. D. Warrick -----	W. M.
645 Glenwood -----	{ F. L. Zimmermann* -----	S. W.
646 Abernant -----	R. H. McGhee -----	W. M.
647 Nix -----	J. H. Nix -----	W. M.
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	{ B. F. Webb* -----	J. W.
649 Black Rock -----	J. W. Thomas -----	W. M.
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	{ W. J. Dennis -----	W. M.
653 Celestia -----	{ C. W. Shirley* -----	S. W.
	{ F. M. Brooch -----	J. W.
654 Dement -----	{ Keener Dement* -----	W. M.
	{ Patrick T. Frien* -----	J. W.
655 Excel -----	George W. Salter -----	W. M.
656 Lanett -----	G. R. Micou* -----	W. M.
657 George A. Beauchamp -----	G. H. Carnathan* -----	W. M.
	{ D. C. Carmichael -----	W. M.
659 Pythagoras -----	{ M. E. Bethea -----	S. W.
	{ W. T. Hall* -----	J. W.

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622	William H. Dingley	Angus M. Scott A. S. Whitton* O. E. Haynes	W. M. S. W. J. W.
663	Arab	J. W. Hyatt	W. M.
664	Chancellor	C. H. Cain	W. M.
665	Paint Rock	A. E. Smith	W. M.
666	Stouts	T. B. McNeal	W. M.
667	Mizpah	W. R. Blackwell	W. M.
668	Lindsey	H. T. Strout W. T. Mayo	W. M. J. W.
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675	Loango	J. M. James J. M. Duggan*	W. M. S. W.
676	Dozier	W. P. Clark*	W. M.
678	Leverett	Z. R. Fuller	W. M.
679	Austinville	N. W. Thompson	W. M.
682	Jamestown	W. D. Estes	W. M.

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Prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

DONATION TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME.

Brother Henry B. Myers of Gadsden Lodge No. 236 arose and stated that Brother Charles R. Porter, of Rome, Georgia, had handed him one hundred

624 Samson -----	{ J. H. White----- J. H. Holly----- James W. Brooks*-----	W.----- S.----- J.-----	M. W. W.
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633 Huffman -----	{ T. W. Franklin ----- W. J. Franklin ----- T. O. Jones*-----	W.----- S.----- J.-----	M. W. W.
634 Motley -----	J. L. Hood -----	W.-----	M.
635 Sonora -----	G. L. Sharrett-----	W.-----	M.
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638 James Mills -----	James Mills, Jr., -----	W.-----	M.
639 Sam Gibbons -----	{ T. R. Goodson* ----- W. H. Rogers -----	W.----- S.-----	M. W.
640 Sayre -----	R. R. Montgomery* -----	W.-----	M.
641 Angus M. Scott -----	O. E. Johnson* -----	W.-----	M.
643 Ben M. Jacobs -----	Austin E. Ledyard-----	W.-----	M.
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645 Glenwood -----	{ J. D. Warrick----- F. L. Zimmermann* -----	W.----- S.-----	M. W.
646 Abernant -----	R. H. McGhee-----	W.-----	M.
647 Nix -----	J. H. Nix -----	W.-----	M.
648 Webb -----	{ D. W. Smith ----- G. L. Smith----- B. F. Webb* -----	W.----- S.----- J.-----	M. W. W.
649 Black Rock -----	J. W. Thomas-----	W.-----	M.
650 Arkadelphia -----	D. B. Thompson-----	W.-----	M.
652 Ranburne -----	Thos. J. Thomason-----	W.-----	M.
653 Celestia -----	{ W. J. Dennis ----- C. W. Shirley* ----- F. M. Brooch -----	W.----- S.----- J.-----	M. W. W.
654 Dement -----	{ Keener Dement* ----- Patrick T. Frien* -----	W.----- J.-----	M. W.
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DONATION TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME.

Brother Henry B. Myers of Gadsden Lodge No. 236 arose and stated that Brother Charles R. Porter, of Rome, Georgia, had handed him one hundred

dollars (\$100.00), as a donation to the proposed Masonic Widows and Orphans Home of Alabama, and moved that the rules be suspended and that he now be allowed to hand same to the Grand Secretary. This motion prevailed with much applause. (A resolution thanking the donor was unanimously adopted later.)

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.: W.: Grand Master delivered his Annual Address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Once again the march of time brings our annual reunion around this sacred altar, guarded by the three great lights of Masonry, and consecrated to the practice and dissemination of the gospel of peace, the gospel of brotherly love, the gospel of charity.

Progress marks the history of the Fraternity during the past year and from the beautiful valley of the Tennessee to the sun kissed shores of the Gulf, comes the gratifying news that during this past year the Masons of Alabama have demonstrated by acts, and words, that they are imbued with the Heaven inspired principles that have marked the Mason among his fellowman from the beginning of History, and that the symbolic teachings laid down in our ritual are not mere meaningless phrases, but have found a lodgment in the hearts of the brethren and have become an active, aggressive force in the service of mankind.

Great organizations never stand still; they cannot drift if they would fulfill their mission in the world, and it becomes by pleasing duty to inform you that during the past year Alabama Masonry has not remained at anchor, neither has it drifted, but has plowed its way over and through the billows of doubt and difficulty, and is today, with its search lights of truth and benevolence, in the mid ocean of "progress," with

every sail set, towards that haven, which is our eternal destiny, where our faith becomes merged in sight, where our hopes reach their fruition, where duty becomes a labor of love, and charity reigns supreme.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW LODGES.

Dispensations have been granted for the formation of new lodges as follows:

On December 31, 1906, to Brothers Anderson E. Smith, George Houston Uptain, Alford La Fayette Lawing, Benjamin Wallace McDowell, Wm. M. Gormley, Richard Miles Erwin, Jr., John Wade Tipton, John Erasmus Woosley, Reuben Hugh Redman and James Wm. Simpson to form and organize a Lodge at Paint Rock, Jackson County, to be known as Paint Rock No. 665. I appointed Anderson E. Smith to be the Master of said Lodge, George H. Uptain to be the Senior Warden and Alford L. Lawing to be the Junior Warden.

On February 11, 1907, to Brothers Thomas Benjamin McNeal, William Albert Wilkie, Joseph R. Gamble, David Baird Lamont, William Henderson Jimwright, Anderson Richard Turner and Pinkey Henderson Montgomery, to form and organize a Lodge at Stouts Mountain, Cullman County, to be known as Stouts Lodge No. 666. I appointed Thos. B. McNeal to be the Master of said Lodge, Wm. A. Wilkie to be the Senior Warden and Joseph R. Gamble to be the Junior Warden.

On February 22, 1907, to Brothers William R. Blackwell, George H. Harper, John W. Wilkinson, Archie Heyburne, James T. Sawyer, Wm. D. Sawyer, and James H. Herlong, to form and organize a Lodge at Manistee, Monroe County, to be known as Mizpah Lodge No. 667. I appointed Wm. R. Blackwell to be the Master of said Lodge, George H. Harper to be the Senior Warden and John W. Wilkinson to be the Junior Warden.

On February 25, 1907, to Brothers Havilen T. Strout, Herbert D. Finlay, Wm. T. Mayo, Martin Lindsay, John A. Helton, Wm. A. Finlay, David Hume Finlay, George S. Walker

and Benjamin F. Pringle, to form and organize a Lodge at Pollard, Escambia County, to be known as Lindsey Lodge No. 668. I appointed Havilen T. Strout to be the Master of said Lodge, Herbert D. Finlay, to be the Senior Warden and Wm. T. Mayo, to be the Junior Warden.

On March 7, 1907, to Brothers Robert Franks, John Norman Hightower, George Colman Estes, John Lemuel Conner, John Robert Franks, John Wm. Roberson, Wm. J. Cochran, James Clint Wates and George Washington Wates to form and organize a Lodge at Pearces Mills, Marion County, to be known as Pearces Mills Lodge No. 669. I appointed Robert Franks to be the Master of said Lodge, John Norman Hightower to be the Senior Warden and Geo. C. Estes to be the Junior Warden.

On March 11, 1907, to Brothers John Earl Garrison, Thomas Nathaniel Belcher, Walter Eugene Chambers, Robert Spencer McKinney, Joseph Leonidas Kennedy, John C. Newton Duckett, Wm. Henry Snow, James Mack Guthrie and Wm. Stephens Pamplin to form and organize a Lodge at Flat Creek, Walker County, to be known as Acacia Lodge No. 670. I appointed John Earl Garrison to be the Master of said Lodge, Thos. N. Belcher to be the Senior Warden and Walter Eugene Chambers to be the Junior Warden.

On March 11, 1907, to Brothers John H. Turpin, Selby Hardenbergh, Jacob Huggins, Milton S. Herran, Hyle M. Sanders, James T. King, Milton W. Carothers, and Wm. C. Cross to form and organize a Lodge at Newbern, Hale County, to be known as Newbern Lodge No. 102. I appointed John H. Turpin to be the Master of said Lodge, Selby Hardenbergh to be the Senior Warden and Jacob Huggins to be the Junior Warden.

On April 9, 1907, to Brothers Chas. Pleasant Brooks, Charles Lucius Reeves, Noah H. Green, Lon Wood Williams, Wm. Jackson Chancellor, Geo. Monroe Culverhouse and John Samuel Dunn to form and organize a Lodge at Sandfield, Pike County, to be known as Joe Wheeler Lodge No. 671. I appointed Chas. P. Brooks to be the Master of said Lodge, Chas.

L. Reeves to be the Senior Warden and John S. Dunn to be the Junior Warden.

On April 17, 1907, to Brothers James J. Turner, James M. Beggs, Edward N. McGriff, Alonzo M. Turner, Joseph P. Day, Wm. H. Gentry, Simeon S. Griffard, Asa Willingham, Zachariah H. S. Bennefield and Wm. C. Prestridge, to form and organize a Lodge at Hopewell, Cleburne County, to be known as H. G. Earnest Lodge No. 672. I appointed James J. Turner to be the Master of said Lodge, James M. Beggs to be the Senior Warden and Edward N. McGriff to be the Junior Warden.

On May 2, 1907, to Brothers John G. De Shields, Francis W. Pope, Elijah F. Hawthorn, Joseph D. Bethune, John R. Benefield, Pink M. Wood, Jonathan M. Culver, Samuel Stewart, Oliver A. Reeves, John Newsome, Thomas B. Brooks, John M. Mountain, Martin F. Moody, Joseph K. Neyman, and Jerome J. Brown, to form and organize a Lodge at Sylvania, DeKalb County, to be known as Sylvania Lodge No. 673. I appointed John G. DeShields to be the Master of said Lodge, Francis W. Pope to be the Senior Warden and Elijah F. Hawthorn to be the Junior Warden.

On May 14, 1907, to Brothers George H. Thigpen, Augustus L. Brazil, John A. Stallings, John M. Parker, Early M. Simmons, Charlie R. Raley, George S. King, and Benjamin H. Johnston to form and organize a Lodge at Goshen, Pike County, to be known as Goshen Lodge No. 674. I appointed Geo. H. Thigpen to be the Master of said Lodge, Augustus L. Brazil to be the Senior Warden and John A. Stallings to be the Junior Warden.

On June 27, 1907, to Brothers John M. James, Wm. T. Norton, R. Nolis DuBose, Joseph M. Wyatt, Sion A. Hutcheson, T. Walter Robinson, John M. Hutcheson, Daniel A. Hutcheson, and John M. Duggan to form and organize a Lodge at Loango, Covington County, to be known as Loango Lodge No. 675. I appointed John M. James to be the Master of said Lodge, Wm. T. Norton to be the Senior Warden and R. Nolis DuBose to be the Junior Warden.

On August 5, 1907, to Brothers Jere H. Clark, Walter W. Fail, Jeel E. Rowell, Wm. P. Clark, Augustus B. Colvin, Wm. J. Clark, Jesse J. Kimbro, James R. Jackson, James D. McLaughlin, Henry A. Phillips, Lee H. Bray, James B. Darby, Ervin T. Raley, Barbe D. Rowell and Henry H. Rowell to form and organize a Lodge at Dozier, Crenshaw County, to be known as Dozier Lodge No. 676. I appointed Jere H. Clark to be the Master of said Lodge, Walter W. Fail to be the Senior Warden and Joel F. Rowell to be the Junior Warden.

On August 9, 1907, to Brothers John David Mays, Jerome F. Houser, James A. Croze, James F. Sampson, Bryant Samuel Bandy, George C. Mason and James D. McCoy, to form and organize a Lodge at Fabius, Jackson County, to be known as Ashlar Lodge No. 677. I appointed John David Mays, to be the Master of said Lodge, Jerome F. Houser to be the Senior Warden and James A. Croze to be the Junior Warden.

On August 24, 1907, to Brothers Zachariah R. Fuller, Thos. H. Money, Romulus F. Williams, Wm. E. Fuller, Lewis A. Moore, Edward Summersett, Henry S. Nichols, Jeff F. Marsh and Wm. J. Grimes, to form and organize a Lodge at Fairview, Coffee County, to be known as Leverett Lodge No. 678. I appointed Zachariah R. Fuller to be the Master of said Lodge, Thos. H. Money to be the Senior Warden and Romulus F. Williams to be the Junior Warden.

On September 12, 1907, to Brothers Newton W. Thompson, James H. Clift, A. J. Chappell, William F. Lake, Joseph C. Brumbeelow, Solomon T. Long, James A. Roper, James F. McCleary, Wm. H. Thompson, Jeremiah T. Scott, William R. Crow, James S. Peppers, Charles H. Austin and Elisha L. Hill to form and organize a Lodge at Austinville, Morgan County, to be known as Austinville Lodge No. 679. I appointed Newton W. Thompson, to be the Master of Said Lodge, James H. Clift to be the Senior Warden and A. J. Chappell to be the Junior Warden.

On October 14, 1907, to Brothers Madison L. Smith, William J. Wilkins, John C. Koen, Jr., John M. Warren, George

M. Brown, James R. Wilkins, and William S. Blount to form and organize a Lodge at Koenton, Washington County, to be known as Koenton Lodge No. 680. I appointed Madison L. Smith to be the Master of said Lodge, William J. Wilkins to be Senior Warden and John C. Koen, Jr., to be the Junior Warden.

On October 29, 1907, to Brothers Miles P. Mealer, Marion L. Burchfield, Edward R. Ellington, William R. Aaron, James P. Vaught, Wm. F. Smalley, Jesse W. Lafoy, Reuben R. Patton and Harvey L. Franklin to form and organize a Lodge at Kellerman, Tuscaloosa County, to be known as Jacob Lodge No. 681. I appointed Miles P. Mealer to be the Master of said Lodge, Marion L. Burchfield to be the Senior Warden and Edward R. Ellington to be the Junior Warden.

On October 31, 1907, to Brothers William D. Estes, James Milton Moseley, Henderson Turner, Levi S. Leath, Elias J. Moseley, John N. Tucker, James N. Bankston, James W. Lewis, James Madison Moseley and E. L. McCalman, to form and organize a Lodge at Jamestown, Cherokee County, to be known as Jamestown Lodge No. 682. I appointed William D. Estes to be the Master of said Lodge, James Milton Moseley to be the Senior Warden and Henderson Turner to be the Junior Warden.

REORGANIZATION OF LODGES.

On February 1, 1907, to Brothers John B. Anders, Elijah Moore, John T. Bealle, Samuell T. Palmer, John W. Deason, Frank M. Hamman, and Zimri Shirley, to reorganize Northport Lodge No. 252, said brethren having paid the amount of indebtedness that said Lodge owed the Grand Lodge when its Charter was forfeited.

I appointed Zimri Shirley to be the Master of said Lodge, John W. Deason to be the Senior Warden, and Elijah Moore to be the Junior Warden.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

On March 11, 1907, I issued a special dispensation permitting Middleton Lodge No. 527 to consolidate with Ohatchie Lodge No. 380, a majority of the membership of both Lodges having petitioned me to grant said dispensation.

The consolidated Lodge to be known by the name and number of Ohatchie Lodge No. 380.

TO CONTINUE WORK.

On January 19, 1907, I issued a certificate to James Penn Lodge No. 227, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the Charter of said Lodge having been destroyed by fire.

On March 19, 1907, I issued a certificate to Missouri Lodge No. 146, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the Charter of said Lodge having been destroyed by fire.

On April 30, 1907, I issued a certificate to Luverne Lodge No. 630, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the Charter of said Lodge having been destroyed by fire.

On May 3, 1907, I issued a certificate to Johns Lodge No. 511, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the Charter of said Lodge having been destroyed by fire.

On October 26, 1907, I issued a certificate to Sam Dixon Lodge No. 218, to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge, the Charter of said Lodge having been destroyed by mice.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

On December 13, 1906, I issued a duplicate Charter to Lewis Lodge No. 614, the Grand Lodge having recommended that same be done.

REMOVAL OF LODGES.

On February 9th, I granted Johns Lodge No. 511, dispensation to continue working, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and to meet in the Hall of Victoria Lodge No. 573, at Adger, Ala. Johns Lodge had the misfortune of losing its Charter, paraphernalia, and fixtures by fire, on the evening of February 5th.

On March 15, I issued dispensation for the removal of Ohatchie Lodge No. 380, from Peeks Hill to Ohatchie.

On July 1st, I granted dispensation to Dolcito Lodge No. 596, to remove its place of meeting from Ketona, to its new hall, one half mile south of Dolcito.

TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On June 17th, I issued dispensation to Falkville Lodge No. 396 to hold an election of officers, no quorum being present at the regular communication preceding the Festival in June.

On June 17th, I granted a dispensation to Salem Lodge No. 99 to elect officers, they having failed to have a quorum present, at the regular communication, preceding the Festival in June.

On June 20th, I granted to Ironaton Lodge No. 622, a dispensation to elect officers, no quorum being present at the time for holding the annual election of officers.

On June 25th, I granted dispensation to Bethany Lodge No. 468 to elect officers, a quorum of the Lodge failing to appear, at the time fixed for holding election of officers.

On July 2nd, I granted Hacoda Lodge No. 631, a dispensation to elect officers. This Lodge at its annual meeting having elected a Brother as Worshipful Master who was not qualified to fill the station of Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens having not yet been installed, by request of Hacoda Lodge, I granted dispensation to hold an election of officers.

On July 22nd, I granted dispensation to Harris Lodge No. 457, to elect officers, on account of failing to hold a commu-

nication, at the time set for holding the last annual communication preceding the Festival in June.

On July 22nd, I issued dispensation to Bankhead Lodge No. 440, to hold an election of officers, it failing to have a quorum present, at the communication at which election of officers should have been held.

On August 24th, I issued dispensation to Oak Grove Lodge No. 617, to hold an election of officers, they failing to meet at the proper time.

On September 25th, I granted dispensation to Williams Lodge No. 416, to elect officers, owing to the fact that the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens elect refused installation.

TO ELECT WARDENS.

On December 10th, 1906, I granted dispensation to Berry Lodge No. 524 to elect a Senior Warden, the officer of this Lodge having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

On December 19th, 1906, I granted dispensation to Abernethy Lodge No. 615, to elect a Junior Warden, a vacancy having been caused by the death of the Junior Warden, Brother Thomas M. Smith.

On December 22nd, 1906, I issued a dispensation to Jemison Lodge No. 411, to fill a vacancy in the station of Junior Warden, caused by the removal of the Junior Warden from this Grand Jurisdiction.

On March 26th, I issued a dispensation to Magnolia Lodge No. 516, to elect a Senior Warden. The Brother that had been elected to this station having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

On June 26th, I granted dispensation to Jas. D. Truss Lodge No. 515 to fill a vacancy in the station of Junior Warden, the Brother elected to the same refusing installation.

On August 20th, I granted dispensation to Doric Lodge No. 406, to elect a Senior Warden. This brother having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

On October 4th, I granted dispensation to Magnolia Lodge No. 516 to elect a Senior Warden. The Senior Warden had been expelled for unmasonic conduct.

On November 15th, I granted dispensation to Dement Lodge No. 654 to elect a Senior Warden, a vacancy having been caused by the death of Brother John F. Gillham the Senior Warden of this Lodge.

TO DISPOSE OF REAL ESTATE.

September 21st, I issued a dispensation, granting Macon Lodge No. 7 the privilege to sell and dispose of the east half of Lot 21, in the plan of the Town of Grove Hill, formerly the town of Macon. The proceeds of this sale to apply towards the relief of the debt on their new Masonic Hall.

October 23rd, I granted dispensation to Hackleburg Lodge No. 526, to sell the lot on which their hall is located, for the purpose of reinvesting in a lot (located in the new part of the town) on which to erect a Masonic Hall.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the past year, I made a number of official visits. These have been a source of the utmost pleasure to me. Everywhere, and at all times, I have been received and welcomed with all the honors due my official position as Grand Master. To mention all these visitations would encroach too much on your valuable time. They were occasions complete in every courtesy, kindness, and hospitality. For the many courtesies and every attention shown me, on these visits, I can but faintly express my sincere thanks and appreciation. My only regret, is that I could not visit, still more of our subordinate bodies, but my personal affairs prevented me from doing so. I am a firm believer in these official visits to our Lodges. It creates a certain amount of enthusiasm, and brings the Grand Master in closer touch with the individual members in every part of our Grand Jurisdiction.

In this connection, I also desire to mention, my attendance at the Tenth Annual Convention of the Seventh Masonic District Conference held at Rome, Ga., May 1st and 2nd. This Conference convenes each year and is presided over by that brilliant and talented Brother, Max Meyerhardt, Grand Master of Georgia. I was received with every honor due my official station. The occasion was a most enjoyable one, and never will the hospitality and every courtesy of these good brethren be forgotten by me. It was my good fortune to meet with hundreds of our Georgia brethren, who traveled from every part of their Grand Jurisdiction, to attend this annual conference and thereby improve themselves in their ritual, under the leadership and guidance of their gifted Grand Master. It was indeed a vast assemblage of enthusiastic Masons, in whose presence your Grand Master stood, and conveyed the fraternal greetings, the greetings of brotherly love, from the thousands of brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama, to those of Georgia. I had often heard of these Conferences and the hospitality of our big hearted Georgia brethren, from those of our Alabama brethren, who have been with them on these occasions, but never was a guest treated with greater welcome and with every consideration shown him, than I met with, at this time, from these most lovable brethren. The occasion was an enjoyable one and never will the hospitality and courtesy of these brethren be forgotten. I can only say to you, do not fail, whenever the opportunity offers, to attend one of these annual conferences at Rome, and find there what true Brotherly Love means. At the same time, I also met a large number of our Alabama brethren, members of those subordinate Lodges, along the eastern border of our Jurisdiction, who regularly attend these Conferences, and this also proved a source of extreme pleasure to me.

CORNER STONES LAID.

On June 22nd, I deputized M.: W.: Brother Jas. A. Bilbro, P. G. M., to lay the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall of

Round Mountain Lodge No. 487. Brother Bilbro reported that he had performed the duty, and that the occasion was one of great enjoyment to all those who were present, there being a large attendance of the brethren to witness the ceremony.

On July 4th, I appointed R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, H. S. D. Mallory, to act as my Deputy to lay the corner stone of the new County Court House, of Cleburne County, at Heflin, Ala. He informed me that he had performed the duty with due Masonic honors in the presence of a large concourse of Masons and citizens, from the surrounding country, that he improved the occasion to impress upon the audience the necessity of practicing the great moral duties and fulfilling the great obligations of Masonry, outlining the qualities of good citizenship.

On September 19th, I laid the corner stone of the new Pleasant Hill Academy near McCalla, Ala., in the presence of a large audience gathered from every section of Jefferson County, and quite a number of citizens from other parts of the State. The corner stone was laid with impressive ceremonies and witnessed with the greatest interest, by many who had never been present on an occasion of this kind. A most interesting programme had been prepared and I feel that much good was done the Fraternity in that community.

October 17th, I appointed M.: W.: Brother Jas. A. Bilbro, P. G. M., to act as my Deputy to superintend the laying of the corner stone of the new Lodge building of Ashlar Lodge No. 677, near Fabius, Ala. He reported to me that the duty had been duly performed in the presence of a very large attendance of the best class of citizens, gathered from a great distance, and that no doubt good was done in the work of the day, and that the Craft was benefited by the occasion and ceremonies.

On November 5th, I deputized Brother Thos. O. Jones to lay the corner stone of the Boys Industrial School near East Lake, Ala., and he reported that he had performed the duty in the presence of a very large attendance of the brethren and that the ceremonies were most interesting and impressive.

On November 5th, I laid the corner stone of the Alabama State Normal School at Livingston, Ala., in the presence of a large concourse of citizens, and members of our Fraternity. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Brethren representing the various Lodges of Sumter County, who availed themselves of the opportunity of being present on this occasion, and am confident that the result of the day's work was beneficial to the cause of Masonry in this County. I desire to acknowledge my grateful thanks for the many kindly courtesies and every thoughtful attention extended to me by the brethren of this community, and it will long be remembered, as one of the many of my pleasant Masonic reminiscences.

On November 23rd, I appointed M.: W.: Brother Robt. J. Redden, P. G. M., my Deputy to officiate at the laying of the corner stone, of the Walker County Court House, at Jasper, Ala. Brother Redden reported that he had performed the duty in the presence of a large and attentive audience.

APPOINTMENTS.

Shortly after the adjournment of the last session of the Grand Lodge and in accordance with the resolution adopted at that time, "That the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee of three Past Grand Masters, whose duty it shall be to receive gifts and donations of property of all kinds towards the establishment and institution of a Home for indigent Master Masons and Widows and Orphans of deceased Master Masons, and to hold the same until the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge," I beg leave to state that I appointed the following:—

Russell M. Cunningham,

James A. Bilbro,

John G. Harris.

In reference to the resolution that "The Grand Master shall appoint a Committee of not less than five nor more than fifteen members of which he shall be a member, whose duty it shall be to wage a campaign of education throughout the juris-

diction of this Grand Lodge, on the proposed Constitutional amendment, to Section 21, Article VI," I found it necessary to increase the Committee, to better facilitate the work, by the appointment of eighteen, instead of fifteen members, in addition to the Grand Master. Complying with said resolution, I appointed as such Committee, the following Brethren:—

Hinds Peevey, L. C. Leadbetter, J. Frank Rushton, John J. Wirth, James S. Vance, Walker S. Scott, Coleman Blach, Norman Gunn, John B. O'Bannon, John B. Lyons, H. S. D. Mallory, Wm. R. Jackson, Geo. W. McElhiney, Robert J. Redden, H. G. Earnest, A. II. Carmichael, Isaac W. Hill, H. Clant Miller.

In February, 1907, I appointed the following Brethren Lecturers of the several Masonic Districts of this Jurisdiction:

For the First District, William W. Daffin, of Grove Hill, Alabama.

For the Second District, John B. O'Bannon, of Brewton, Alabama.

For the Third District, Richard D. Windham, of Henderson, Alabama.

For the Fourth District, Middleton H. Hagood, of Mt. Willing, Ala.

For the Fifth District, William W. McCollum, of Bridgefield, Alabama.

For the Sixth District, John McKinley, of Eutaw, Alabama.

For the Seventh District, T. M. Costner, of Ironaton, Alabama.

For the Eighth District, Charles J. Walker, of Hartselle, Alabama.

For the Ninth District, James A. Bilbro, of Gadsden, Alabama.

For the Tenth District, H. Clant Miller, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On March 5th, I appointed Brother Jacob D. Bloch of Mobile, Ala., Chairman Committee on Dispensations, No. 1, vice Brother C. A. L. Johnstone, resigned on account of removal from this Grand Jurisdiction.

Owing to the Senior Warden of Chancellor Lodge No. 664, Under Dispensation, having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction, on August 10th, I appointed Brother W. T. Mathery, to occupy this station until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On December 21, 1906, I appointed Brother F. B. Stoneman, of Miami, Florida, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

On March 7, 1907, I appointed Brother Edgar A. McCulloch, of Little Rock, Arkansas, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, vice Brother J. H. Westerfield, deceased.

On March 25, 1907, I appointed Brother George W. Jones, of Elstree, London, F. S., England, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On May 7, 1907, I appointed Sir Augustus Frederick Webster, of Battle Abbey, County of Sussex, England, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the United Grand Lodge of England, vice Brother Brackstone Baker, deceased.

On Aug. 19, 1907, I appointed Brother John Speed Smith, of Washington, D. C., Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, vice Brother Francis J. Woodman, resigned.

On September 14, 1907, I appointed Brother Robert Binning Ferguson, of Edmonton, Alberta, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

On October 7, 1907, I appointed Brother Frederick Stanley Anderson, of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

November 21, 1907, I appointed Brother W. J. Shanard of Bridgewater, S. D., as the Grand Representative of the Grand

Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota,
vice Brother Albert F. Milligan.

On February 6, 1907, I recommended Bro. Robt. E. Steiner, of
Montgomery, Alabama, as Grand Representative of the Grand
Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

On February 12, 1907, I recommended Brother Hinds Peevey,
of Birmingham, as the Grand Representative of the Grand
Lodge of Rhode Island, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

On August 9, 1907, I recommended Brother George H. Thig-
pen, of Brantley, Alabama, for reappointment as Grand Repre-
sentative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, near the Grand
Lodge of Alabama.

These brethren have all received their commissions.

On February 25, 1907, I received the commission for Brother
Leon Schwarz, of Mobile, as the Grand Representative of the
Grand Lodge of Scotland, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Brother Schwarz was recommended for appointment as
Grand Representative of the said Grand Lodge on November
14, 1906.

WISCONSIN RELIEF LODGE NO. 1

VS.

ANNISTON LODGE NO. 443 A. F. & A. M.

I have the pleasure to inform you that Anniston Lodge No.
443, cheerfully and promptly complied with the resolution of
the last Grand Lodge, requesting that Lodge to pay Wisconsin
Relief Lodge No. 1 for expenses incurred, on account of the
death of a member of Anniston Lodge, and which was brought
to your attention by the M.: W.: Grand Master of Wisconsin.
At the first meeting after the adjournment of the last com-
munication of this Grand Lodge, Anniston Lodge voted the
amount in full, which was transmitted through me to the
Grand Master of Wisconsin.

I congratulate this Grand Lodge and Anniston Lodge on the
amicable solution of the matter, and feel sure we are none the
sufferers by the incident, and am confident Wisconsin Masons
have a more exalted opinion of Alabama Masonry, than they

might have had. Both the Grand Master of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Relief Lodge, requested me to express to this Grand Lodge their appreciation of the fraternal spirit displayed in this matter.

AUTAUGA LODGE NO. 31 A. F. & A. M.

At the annual communication of this Grand Lodge, in 1904, a complaint was filed against Autauga Lodge No. 31, on account of its alleged failure to discharge its duty towards the family of Brother William Jones, a deceased member of that Lodge. In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, the then Grand Master appointed a Committee of Past Masters residing near said Lodge, to investigate and report on said charges. This Committee filed its report with the Grand Master, which appears in full in the Grand Master's address for the year 1905. By a reference to said report, it will be found that the Committee found such charges to be true, but went further and rather vigorously denounced the acts and conduct of one Baker Jones, a son of the deceased brother, but who was himself not a Mason.

After such report appeared in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Autauga Lodge appealed to your then Acting Grand Master, claiming that it had not had sufficient opportunity to present its side of the case, and protesting that a grave injustice had been done the Lodge, and Mr. Baker Jones as well, and praying that the case be reopened.

I granted the request and at the last annual communication, again submitted the matter for your consideration.

By a resolution of this Grand Lodge, the complaint was again referred to a special Committee, composed of Brothers John B. Christian and John B. Lyons. These brethren, as early as practicable, entered upon their investigation of the facts as to said complaint, and it appears were careful, painstaking, and thorough, and their report fully exonerates Autauga Lodge. They reported to me as follows:

*"To the M.: W.: Grand Master Ben. M. Jacobs, M.: W.:
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Alabama:*

In the matter of the complaint of Miss Grace J. Jones vs. Autauga Lodge No. 31 A. F. & A. M., of Autaugaville, Ala. Your special Committee under resolution of the last Grand Lodge (See Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Alabama, December 1906, Pages 136 and 137), would report that under said resolution they held a meeting in the Lodge Room of Prattville Lodge No. 89 A. F. & A. M., at Prattville, Ala., on Wednesday, April 10th, 1907, all persons having been first notified of the time and place at which your Committee would meet. As you will doubtless remember, there were a large number of letters and papers accumulated in this matter and which were referred to your Committee, and other letters had come into the possession of your Committee since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. Some relating to matters entirely outside of the question at issue. Your Committee after consultation, agreed that the sole question for your Committee to investigate and report on to you, as Grand Master, was as follows: "Has Autauga Lodge No. 31 acted in good faith with the widow and orphans of Brother Wm. Jones, who was a member in good standing of said Lodge at the time of his death on September 27th, 1892."

To arrive at a true verdict on this question, your Committee very carefully heard the oral testimony of Miss Grace J. Jones, her brother, with whom she lives, the officers of Autauga Lodge, and others, and also examined the records of said Lodge.

The family of the deceased brother, it seems to your Committee, had formed and still have the erroneous idea, that the Masonic Lodge at Autaugaville was to some extent an insurance order, and that they were entitled to some certain amount monthly from this Lodge, which erroneous opinion was doubtless formed by them, from conversation had with ignorant Masons and with profanes. Our examination established the following facts, namely:

Brother William Jones died on September 27th, 1892. He was buried with Masonic Honors by his Lodge on September 28, 1892. A committee "To draft suitable resolutions on the death of Brother William Jones," was appointed by said Lodge, at its regular communication on the 29th day of October, 1892. This Committee made a report at the regular communication of said Lodge on November 25, 1892. The resolutions reported by this Committee were adopted by the Lodge at the same communication, spread on the minutes, etc. (A copy of the Proceedings of the Lodge at this Communication, under the seal of the Lodge is hereto attached.) These resolutions did not provide that the same be published in any newspaper, but your Committee knows of no law which would require a Lodge to publish such a resolution in a newspaper. A Widows

diploma or certificate was sent to Mrs. Jones, the widow of Brother Wm. Jones, deceased. It is true the names of the children, were not entered on the margin of this diploma, but the family were requested to fill in the names of such children. The records also show that Committees from this Lodge visited Mrs. Jones (the widow) and tendered her assistance from the Lodge and one of these Committees reporting to the Lodge, suggested that the Lodge purchase an invalid chair for Mrs. Jones (the widow) which they, by resolution of the Lodge, were authorized to do, but at the next communication of the Lodge, this Committee reported that Mrs. Jones said, that she did not need the chair and declined to accept the same.

Autauga Lodge No. 31 is a very old Lodge. Its membership is comparatively small and its Lodge dues are only one dollar per year.

Your Committee attached to its report a statement furnished us by our Grand Secretary, showing the membership of said Lodge, for each year, from the years 1891 to 1906, inclusive, and would also refer you again to the duplicate of the Proceedings of said Lodge, at its regular communication of November 25, 1892, above referred to, and here-to attached, which shows conclusively, that the said Lodge is extending its Masonic charity to the distressed and needy.

Your Committee therefore, after a careful and full investigation of this matter, and limiting our report to the sole question, as to whether Autauga Lodge No. 31 has performed its Masonic duties towards the family of Brother Wm. Jones, beg leave to report, that it has undoubtedly tried in every way to do so, and that if any blame has attached to said Lodge in this matter, as a Lodge, they should be exonerated.

As to any family trouble between the members of the family of Brother Wm. Jones, your Committee did not and do not now think, that it was a matter that your Committee were called upon to pass on.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JOHN B. LYONS,

Committee."

This finally disposed of the matter as far as Autauga Lodge was concerned, but as will be seen from a reading of its report, this Committee carefully and I think properly, refrained from any investigation or report as to the charges made by the former Committee against Baker Jones.

After this report had been communicated to Autauga Lodge, they expressed their thanks for the action of the Committee,

but requested that as the previous report had severely condemned Baker Jones, that a further report be made as to him.

This request I referred to the Committee. They answered, that the sole question referred to them, was the action of Autauga Lodge, and neither they, nor the Grand Lodge, had anything to do with the action of a profane. In this I thoroughly concur, and that settles the matter, so far as this Committee is concerned, but the question arises: Though the Grand Lodge has nothing to do with the actions of a profane, when it elects to investigate his conduct and censures him, in its published proceedings, is it not morally bound to give him an opportunity, to show that wrong has been done him, and if it has, rectify that wrong, so far as we are able? By this I do not mean to say that wrong has been done, but such is claimed, and therefore let us remember that one of the perfect points of a Mason's entrance is that quality, "which enables us to render to every man his just due," without distinction.

I respectfully submit the matter for your consideration.

In this connection I desire to thank Brothers Christian and Lyons for their prompt and faithful discharge of the duties imposed upon them. Nothing herein, is intended as a criticism of their conclusion, on the contrary, I think they are eminently correct, and any further action in the matter is solely for the Grand Lodge.

NECROLOGY.

It is with the deepest sorrow, that it becomes my sad duty, to announce to you, officially, the death of our Grand Tiler, Brother Chas. A. Allen, which sad event occurred, in the City of Montgomery, September 21, 1907. Upon being notified of our loss, I called a special communication of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites over the remains of our Grand Tiler, and on September 22nd, all that was mortal of our deceased brother, was interred with all Masonic honors, in Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery.

Brother Charles Alexander Allen was born in Montgomery County, Alabama, May 14, 1846. He was a brave Confederate soldier, having served in the 51st Alabama Cavalry, in which he enlisted while under the age limit. He filled various offices of public trust and in the able discharge of the various duties imposed upon him, made many friends and acquaintances.

Brother Allen's Masonic Career commenced when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice May 28, 1867, passed June 11, 1867, and made a Master Mason July 30, 1867, in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173 A. F. & A. M., Montgomery, Ala., and served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge from 1888 to 1890. He was exalted April 5, 1882, in Montgomery Chapter No. 22, received and greeted in the year 1885 in Montgomery Council No. 3 R. & S. M., Knighted June 1, 1882, in Montgomery Commandery No. 4.

He was appointed Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council R. & S. M., in April, 1888, and was elected to those respective offices in December, 1888, and served as such until his death.

Brother Allen was a devoted Mason, having occupied the place of Grand Tiler for so many years, and was ever sincere in our work, and watchful of its interests, in its smallest detail. He was of a most genial disposition, and by nature, always kind and cordial. His manly form bowed with labors of a long, eventful life, so familiar to a number of us, for so many years gone by, has passed from our sight and crossed to the "Great Beyond." His genial smile, his familiar voice, so well known, will greet us no more. At our last communication, he was with us, full of life and energy. No more, in this world will we meet his familiar figure, guarding the outer door of this Grand Lodge, and we will keenly miss his presence.

To the widowed wife and children, whom he loved so dearly, we offer our sincere sympathy.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

With our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, the "Grim Reaper" has not been idle, and our heart felt sympathy, goes out to them, as we note the names of the distinguished dead, whose loss they mourn. These eminent Brethren have gone "from labor here to refreshment above," having served their day and generation well. Their lives have been a blessing and should be an incentive to others, to emulate their good deeds and virtues.

W.: Brother Edmond Metcalf, Grand Tiler of Masons of Arkansas, died at his old home in Medway, Massachusetts, July 9, 1907, aged 69 years.

M.: W.: Brother Eli Harrison, Past Grand Master of Masons of British Columbia, died at Victoria, B. C., September 19, 1907, aged 83 years.

M.: W.: Brother George Keith Kimball, Past Grand Master of Masons of Colorado, died at his home in Golden, Col., August 8, 1907, aged 76 years.

M.: W.: Brother Frederick S. Stevens, Past Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, died at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., October 17, 1906, aged 58 years.

R.: W.: Brother Miles W. Graves, Grand Treasurer of Masons, of Connecticut, died at his home in Hartford, Conn., December 13, 1906, aged 72 years.

M.: W.: Brother Asa Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, died at his home in New Haven, Conn., September 29, 1907, aged 78 years.

M.: W.: Brother Norvelle R. Carter, Past Grand Master of Masons of Florida, died December 1, 1906, aged 73 years.

M.: W.: Brother Wm. A. Davis, Past Grand Master of Masons of Georgia, died at his home in Macon, Ga., January 19, 1907, aged 62 years.

R.: W.: Brother Joseph Harrison Collins Dill, Past Grand Secretary of Masons of Illinois, died at his home in Bloomington, Ill., August 5, 1907, aged 71 years.

M.: W.: Brother Christian Fetta, Past Grand Master of

Masons of Indiana, died at his home in Richmond, Ind., August 5, 1907, aged 76 years.

R.: W.: Brother Erastus E. Stone, Senior Grand Warden of Masons of Michigan, died in January, 1907, aged 40 years.

M.: W.: Brother Chas. L. Stevens, Grand Master of Masons of Michigan, died January 30, 1907, aged 57 years.

M.: W.: Brother Henry Chamberlain, Past Grand Master of Masons of Michigan, died February 9, 1907, aged 83 years.

M.: W.: Brother Charles FitzRoy Bellows, Past Grand Master of Masons of Michigan, died April 16, 1907, aged 75 years.

M.: W.: Brother Charles Griswold, Past Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota, died at St. Paul, Minn., December 25, 1906, aged 74 years.

R.: W.: Brother Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary of Masons of Minnesota, died in St. Paul, Minn., June 7, 1907, aged 66 years.

M.: W.: Brother Phineas Messinger Savery, Past Grand Master of Masons, of Mississippi, died December 20, 1906.

M.: W.: Brother Noah M. Givan, Past Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, died at his home in St. Louis, Mo., in 1907, aged 67 years.

M.: W.: Brother Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of Masons of Montana, died April 29, 1907, aged 76 years.

M.: W.: Brother George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, died at his home in Omaha, Neb., June 8, 1907, aged 73 years.

M.: W.: Brother Charles Alexander Woodward, Past Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, died in Cleveland, Ohio, February 5, 1907, aged 80 years.

M.: W.: Brother Edward L. Freeman, Past Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island, died February 24, 1907, aged 72 years.

M.: W.: Brother William S. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, died July 28, 1907, at Concord, Tenn.

M.: W.: Brother Robert Enoch Withers, died at his home

in Wytheville, Virginia, September 21, 1907, aged 86 years.

M.: W.: Brother Robert Templeman Craighill, Past Grand Master of Masons of Virginia, died at his home in Lynchburg, Va., September 26, 1907, aged 64 years.

M.: W.: Brother William Henry Upton, Past Grand Master of Masons of Washington, died at Walla Walla, Wash., November 3, 1906, aged 52 years.

M.: W.: Brother George Davis, Past Grand Master of Masons of West Virginia, died in Denver, Colorado, November 19, 1906, aged 58 years.

DECISIONS.

1. A petition for affiliation must be accompanied by a dimitt or some certificate or showing, in the nature of a dimitt.

2. Amendments or additions to the by-laws of chartered Lodges, need not be approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, before becoming effective.

3. The consent required, when one is rejected, is wholly different, from a waiver of jurisdiction. Where a candidate for initiation or affiliation has been rejected by one Lodge, his application cannot be received by another Lodge, until the consent of the rejecting Lodge has been received, neither can any brother, even endorse such application.

4. In a case where one applies to a Lodge other than that of his residence, the petition is regularly received, but the statutory questions, must be asked and answered before the petition is referred to a Committee. The answer of the Lodge, that it knows of no just cause, why the petitioner should not be made a Mason, is a waiver of jurisdiction, subject of course to the right of the home Lodge to demand the fees.

5. In the event of the death or removal of the W.: M.: all the rights, powers and duties of the office survive in the S.: J.: or W.: W.: as the case may be. This, however, does not create a vacancy in the Wardens office, he is still Warden and "Acting Master."

6. No one other than members of the Lodge should be present at a trial, except such persons as may be counsel or wit-

nesses. Any visiting brother, who may be present in either of these capacities should retire from the Lodge, when the vote is taken. This rule applies even though the defendant may be a sojourner and the visiting brethren members of his own Lodge.

7. An E. A. or F. C. has the right to be present, when the Lodge is opened in those degrees, even though his advancement has been stopped by vote or objection.

8. When two brethren commit a Masonic offense at the same time and place, charges should be brought against each separately. Both, however, may be tried at the same meeting, but notice of both cases should be stated in the call.

9. There should be no discussion of a case by the brethren, at a trial, after prosecutor and defendant have retired, for the Lodge to take a vote. Such discussions are permissible before, however.

10. When testimony of Masons, living in a foreign jurisdiction is desired, written interrogatories, may be propounded to such witnesses, to which the opposite party may file cross interrogatories. The interrogatories both direct and cross should then be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge, in whose jurisdiction, the witnesses reside, and their depositions taken in open Lodge, and returned by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge.

The opposing party, may at the time of filing cross interrogatories, demand notice of the time and place of taking depositions.

The time in which the opposite party may file cross interrogatories should be prescribed by the Worshipful Master.

11. Where a profane petitions for initiation, but before his petition has been acted upon, he removes permanently into another State, upon his request, his petition may be withdrawn, and his fee returned, and the reasons therefor, noted on the minutes.

12. Where appeals for assistance, etc., are made by a lodge, it is not necessary, that they have the endorsement of the Grand Master, if such appeals are directed to Lodges within

this Grand Jurisdiction. However, if sent to Lodges beyond this Grand Jurisdiction, they should have the approval of the Grand Master.

13. The wife is a competent witness for or against a defendant, even though her husband may be the prosecutor or the injured party.

14. When a person has lost part of the first joint only, of his right thumb, he is not thereby rendered ineligible, if enough of it remains to enable him to perform all the work and comply with the physical requirements, in the three degrees of Masonry.

15. The Senior or Junior Warden, as may be the case, acting as the Master, at a called meeting of the Lodge, this communication having been called by the Master, has the power at this called meeting, at which he is presiding, the Master being absent from the same, to call another communication for conferring the degrees, even though the Master is in the City. The Senior or Junior Warden being the Acting Master at the time, he has all the power and the authority of the Worshipful Master.

16. The loss of either eye does not disqualify a candidate for the degrees, so long as the vision of the other is good.

17. A subordinate Lodge, as such, cannot appear in public or in parade for the purpose of attending church for divine services, except in connection with the funeral ceremonies of a deceased brother.

18. A subordinate Lodge, as such, cannot appear in funeral parade with any fraternity or society, except it be for the express purpose of performing or assisting in the performance of the Masonic funeral ceremonies. That the body of the deceased brother, before final disposition of the same, is placed in charge of a subordinate Lodge. That they retain full control of it until the body is interred, and the Lodge services is the last ceremony performed at the grave. If any other services are intended to follow those of the Lodge, then a Masonic Lodge cannot perform their ceremonies.

19. The active pall bearers at a Masonic funeral must be

Masons, and can wear only Masonic regalia. Neither can one wearing Masonic regalia assist any other society or fraternity at a funeral ceremony.

20. A subordinate Lodge has the authority to instruct its representatives, as to its preference for any measure to be presented before the Grand Lodge for consideration or ballot.

21. The fact of having sat in Chapter, Council, Commandery, or Scottish Rite with another, is not of itself sufficient evidence, to vouch for the latter as a Master Mason.

DISCIPLINE.

Under date of October 31st, Brother J. M. Brown, Secretary of Muscadine Lodge No. 531, in a communication to me stated,

"That they had a question of Masonic law to lay before me for my decision. That a profane had petitioned Lebanon Lodge No. 484 A. F. & A. M., about seventeen or eighteen years ago and was rejected. That some years after this, Lebanon Lodge was moved some eight or ten miles farther south, this profane remaining at the same place, and during the past year had petitioned Muscadine Lodge, for the degrees, was accepted, and made a Mason, his residence now being in the jurisdiction of Muscadine Lodge.

"Lebanon Lodge now demands the fees, and Muscadine Lodge has thus far been unable to find any law giving the former Lodge the right to claim the fees, and that Muscadine Lodge did not know of this profane having been rejected at the time of his initiation."

Immediately on receipt of this letter, I replied thereto, requesting the Secretary to forward to me the original petition to Muscadine Lodge, for the degrees, signed at the time, by the profane alluded to.

November 16th, the Secretary answered the same, enclosing the petition of the profane, and to my surprise, I found that the petitioner James M. Harris, clearly states that he "had applied heretofore, about fifteen years ago to Lodge No. 484, in the State of Alabama, and been rejected." The Secretary stated in this communication, "that in writing his former letter to me, he had mentioned that Muscadine Lodge did not know

of Harris' rejection by Lebanon Lodge, and he had failed to remember this, but being in Muscadine Lodge's jurisdiction, the latter Lodge thought it was entitled to confer the degrees on the applicant and retain the fees." The more surprising fact in this matter was, on examination, of this application, I found that the then Senior and Junior Wardens, also the Secretary's names were attached to the same, as the Committee on Investigation, and making a favorable report on the petition.

After a careful reading and study of these communications, and the petition of the said James M. Harris, for initiation, I considered this such a flagrant violation of our Masonic law, (so clearly and distinctly defined in our Edicts,) and such a grave and serious disregard of these Edicts, that I deemed it the duty imposed upon me, as your Grand Master, to arrest the charter of this Lodge and forbid it to work, as a constituted Lodge, until further notice, and summoned the Worshipful Master and Wardens to appear before you at this communication of the Grand Lodge. I, therefore, issued the following order:—

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 18, 1907.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren,
Muscadine Lodge, No. 531, A. F. & A. M.,
Muscadine, Alabama.

Brethren:—This is to notify you, that the charter of your Lodge has this day been arrested, and you are forbidden to work as a duly constituted Lodge until further notice.

This action on my part, is taken on account of your violation of Section 11, Article 6, of the Constitution, and of Edicts 330 and 339 of the Code of 1905, as shown, in letters received by me, from your Secretary, under dates of October 31st and November 16th, 1907, in that you knowingly received and acted upon the petition of James M. Harris, who had been previously rejected, by Lebanon Lodge No. 484 A. F. & A. M., and elected the said James M. Harris, and conferred the degree or degrees on him, without first having obtained the consent of Lebanon Lodge No. 484 A. F. & A. M.

Now, therefore, I, Ben M. Jacobs, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, do hereby notify you of this suspension of your Lodge, and hereby summon and command the Worshipful Master, also the Senior and Junior

Wardens of your Lodge, to appear at the ensuing annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to be held December 3, 1907, for such action in the matter as the Grand Lodge may deem proper.

Witness my hand and seal of office, on the day and year above written.

Fraternally yours,
BEN M. JACOBS, *Grand Master.*

I mailed four copies of this order to the Secretary of Muscadine Lodge, a copy each to be served by him, upon the Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens, also a copy to be retained by Brother J. M. Brown, as my official notice to him, as Secretary of Muscadine Lodge No. 531.

The letters received by me from Brother J. M. Brown, Secretary of Muscadine Lodge, the Application for Initiation of James M. Harris, and the correspondence connected therewith, are hereto attached, all of which is submitted for your consideration and disposition.

During the past year a great amount of my correspondence was caused, by frequent requests for information and rulings, where the ground is so fully covered in our Masonic Code. In such cases, I have at all times referred the brethren, to that part of the Constitution or the Edicts bearing upon their inquiry. Frequently, requests have come to me from the Masters of Lodges, for information that one would suppose the youngest Mason in the Fraternity, to be acquainted with, convincing me that our Code is not read or referred to, as often as it should be. I again earnestly urge the officers and brethren to study our Masonic Manual. That they also carefully read the annual Proceedings of our Grand Lodge, mailed shortly after the adjournment of the same. Not alone the Proceedings of our own Grand Lodge, but I am confident that if they will but refer to and read the report of the Chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in his Reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, there will be a vast amount of Masonic information gained thereby. They will acquaint themselves with the "doings of the Masonic World." They will come in touch with some of the brightest minds in

Masonry, proving a source of the utmost pleasure and greatest benefit to them.

JURISDICTION.

From time immemorial almost, the question of jurisdiction over profanes living near the border lines of this and contiguous Grand Jurisdictions, has been a vexed one. I say vexed advisedly, for as far as this Grand Jurisdiction is concerned, there is nothing complicated, difficult, or uncertain, for those who seek to advise themselves, as to our clear and absolute Edicts thereon.

Our law is explicit that a person must have been a resident of this State for one year, before being eligible to membership in any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that it holds exclusive jurisdiction throughout the State, and nowhere do we find any hint that any subordinate Lodge may receive a petition from a profane, who is not an actual resident of this State, nor that it can waive its jurisdiction to any Sister Grand Jurisdiction.

It may seem strange that I should refer to this matter, but it is surprising the number of times these plain Edicts are violated and every time the attention of the offending Lodge is called to it, it pleads ignorance. This may be brought about by the fact that our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Georgia and Florida, permit such action by their border Lodges, but this renders the violation of our law none the less a fact.

If we are going to adhere to our law, I recommend that the Grand Secretary send a communication to each border Lodge in our State, citing them to these provisions and warning them, that any future violations will be severely punished.

TEMPLE DEBT.

It is a pleasing coincidence, that the beginning of one great work in the history of Alabama Masonry, marks the practical completion of another.

Just at this time when we are about to commence on the

great work of providing a permanent home, for our widows and orphans, and indigent brethren, which we all fondly hope and believe will be an enduring monument to the generosity, as well as justice of Alabama Masons, and will exemplify the devotion to the tenets of our order, it falls to my privilege to announce to you that this "Temple," the Home of this Fraternity, begun only a few years ago, and then undertaken with some misgiving by some of us, has been paid for in full.

I say in full advisedly, because it is in the eternal fitness of things, that there should be a connecting link between the enterprise that furnishes a permanent abiding place to the Fraternity itself, and that great enterprise which plans to furnish a home and a shelter to the needy widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

Therefore, your Finance Committee, instead of transferring the funds, allows the Temple fund to still remain indebted to the Widows and Orphans Fund the sum of \$1,000.00, on which the Temple fund pays interest, and with this exception, our Masonic Temple is entirely free from debt, and you will readily see that this is not a debt, but a contribution to the glorious enterprise, upon which we are now embarking.

I congratulate you, my brethren, and in your behalf, extend thanks to your Finance Committee, for its wise and successful management of your business affairs. The blessings of a bounteous Providence have crowned our efforts in the past, and I am sure will continue to be lavish upon us, if we follow His teachings and adhere to the sublime principles of this, our Fraternity.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would earnestly recommend
1st. That this Grand Lodge repeal Edicts 318, 361, 362 and
363, Masonic Code of 1905, and the others bearing on this
question:—

I am firmly of the opinion that when an objection is entered to an E. A. or F. C. being passed or raised, after an election to either of the two latter degrees, the brother enter-

ing the objection, should be compelled to prefer charges, within a specified and reasonable time. That if he knows of any just and sufficient reason, why the candidate should not be passed, it shall then be the duty of the objecting brother to prefer charges, which said charges shall be heard in the same manner as in other cases. If on the trial, such charges are not substantiated, then the Lodge shall confer the degree to which he has been elected. According to Edicts mentioned, an applicant for advancement may be stopped, at any time before taking the obligation, by the objection of a member of the Lodge, made either openly or privately to the Master, and the brother objecting is not required to state the reasons therefor. Neither can the Brother be passed or raised until the objecting brother withdraws his objections, is suspended, expelled, dies or dimits.

After the applicant has received the E. A. degree, he is greeted as our brother and is entitled to be treated as a Brother Mason. He is entirely ignorant of the objection, or of the opportunity of being heard in his defense. This does not appear to me, as according the proper treatment and consideration to one, whom we call our Brother, and have gone so far as to have offered him every token of our sincerity and brotherly love, etc. It appears to me, to be more of a "stab in the dark", with no opportunity of defense.

2nd. That Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution be repealed so as to make the Grand Master eligible for re-election to a second term, as has been the law for so many years and until recently. I am confident in stating, that it is to the best interests of the Fraternity that we return to our former custom in this matter. No Grand Master, who feels the interests of the Craft at heart, can do justice to the same in the space of one year. If the brethren, will but consider that the Grand Master elect is installed during the last moments of the Grand Lodge. He presides over but one session of the same. He has no opportunity to carry to a successful culmination any of his recommendations, before he makes way for his successor, at a "break neck speed".

3rd. That before one can take the station of Master in a subordinate chartered Lodge, in addition to other qualifications, he must have a certificate from the Chairman of the Committee on Work, or of one whom the latter appoints, that as Master, he is able to open and close the Lodge and can confer the three degrees in Masonry. My brethren, this recommendation may appear strange to some of you here assembled, but I consider it highly necessary. There are quite a number of subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, that have been in existence numbers of years, whose officers have never conferred a degree and have never attempted to do so, and each time a communication is held for work, some brother or brethren, from a neighboring Lodge, is called on to visit them and confer the degrees, with not an officer of the Lodge capable of rendering the least assistance. Then there are other Lodges, in which the Masters and Wardens are doing the work in a manner that is so foreign to our adopted work, that one present at the time, could easily imagine themselves thrown into a conglomeration of the work of every Grand Jurisdiction of our country, with practically nothing of our own adopted work.

4th. That it shall be mandatory on every Lodge to present the candidate receiving the E. A. degree with a lambskin apron. While this is a custom already adopted by a number of our Lodges, still with others it is not the case.

We have adopted a beautiful and impressive Lecture, in which we are directed to present to the candidate a lambskin apron and say "It is yours, yours, to wear throughout an honorable life, etc.", and then hand him one made of linen or cotton, which is returned to the Lodge as soon as the initiation is completed, thus making the solemn and inspiring words, mere "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

What a far better and more lasting impression would be created upon the mind and heart of the candidate just crossing the threshold of Masonry, if it was demonstrated, that these elegant words, had a truthful meaning in their entirety, rather than a mere perfunctory ceremonial.

5th. That in such instances where the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, absent themselves from attendance, from three consecutive annual communications of this Grand Lodge, that it be requested, of the Grand Lodge, whom they represent, that their commissions as such be revoked.

We now have Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge, who have failed to attend our annual communications for a number of years past, and I feel that the adoption of this recommendation, is to the best interests of ourselves and the foreign Grand Jurisdictions that these absent brethren are supposed to represent.

6th. That the salary of our Grand Secretary be increased by \$200.00 per annum, which will be up to the full amount permitted by the Constitution. The Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction are under lasting obligations to Brother Beauchamp, for the faithful manner in which he has at all times fulfilled the duties of his office, which are indeed excessive and burdensome, but to him it has been a duty of love. The prompt, intelligent and zealous manner in which he has performed every requirement of the office of Grand Secretary, merits every recognition and appreciation of this Grand Lodge. The increase, here recommended and what is so justly due, a faithful and painstaking officer, I am confident will meet with the approval of all who have come in contact with our Grand Secretary, in the transaction of the various matters connected with the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and readily recognize the vast amount of work connected with the office and the valuable services rendered by him.

When Brother Beauchamp was first appointed to the office of Grand Secretary, he surrendered the management of a successful National Bank, and brought to bear his business training and management, in connection with his well known love of the Fraternity, into the government of the details of the office. He entirely revolutionized our system of book-keeping, and increased the work by at least four-fold from the very outset, without beginning to estimate the work, which

has since increased by reason of the phenomenal growth of Masonry in the State.

In those days the annual reports made by the Secretaries of the various subordinate Lodges were returned, containing errors, without number. These Brother Beauchamp, owing to his excellent business training readily perceived, and he at once began to check these returns systematically. Only those who have had the experience, can imagine what a tedious and herculean job this is, and it is becoming more and more so each year, owing to the additional number of Lodges, and the continually increasing membership. But this systematic work, and watchful care on his part is saving to the Grand Lodge, each year a large amount, that would be lost to it through the careless reports of the Secretaries of some of the subordinate Lodges. But, the collection of the dues is not the main object. The chief aim of Brother Beauchamp is to perfect and keep unbroken the records of our membership, as far as possible, and I can assure you, that no one who has been, or is a member of our subordinate Lodges, during the years Brother Beauchamp has been Grand Secretary, but what he can at any time furnish this Brother with his complete Masonic History.

A forcible witness to his indefatigable efforts and hard and constant work, let us but look at our beautiful Masonic library, constantly growing and increasing through his careful attention. When Brother Beauchamp assumed charge of the office, we had but few books, scattered about in open shelves, with thousands of valuable unbound volumes in the attic of the Grand Lodge. It has taken him years to assort these properly, bind them and with the co-operation of your Finance Committee, and your approval of the same, Alabama Masonry today can point with pride to one of the finest Masonic Libraries south of Washington, and his work is still not complete.

I could mention much more, my brethren, of the excellent result of Brother Beauchamp's services to the Fraternity, giving far more of his valuable time for the furtherance of the

best interests of the Craft, than we can imagine. I, therefore, trust you will concur in this, my recommendation, and thereby reward a conscientious and faithful servant of Alabama Masonry in the discharge of his official duties.

7th. That the actual expenses of going to, remaining at, and returning from the Grand Lodge, of those Brethren composing the Committees, on By-laws, Propositions and Grievances, and Dispensations, be paid by the Grand Lodge. These are now standing Committees and are crowded with work, increasing at each session of our Grand Lodge. The Committees on Work, Jurisprudence and Finance, are each remunerated to this extent, and I feel that the brethren composing the three former mentioned Committees, are justly entitled to the same consideration by this Grand Lodge.

8th. September 18th, I received a communication from M.: W.: Grand Master, Edward H. Hart, of California, stating that "when the great calamity of April, 1906, befell San Francisco and vicinity, the Masons from all over the world, with spontaneous generosity, poured forth upon the stricken district, their offerings of love and sympathy, as well as their financial aid. That the administration of the Trust imposed upon the chosen officers, in disbursing the funds, thus freely given, had been careful and judicious, and that no worthy call, so far as was known, had been overlooked. That now, as the Committee was about closing the work of relief, that they find, they still have on hand a considerable balance of the fund, which was contributed and remains unexpended."

M.: W.: Brother Hart further states, that "they did not feel justified in applying any portion of this money, to any other purpose, other than that for which it was intended, and that it was the judgment of the Fraternity in California, that the unused balance shold be returned pro rata to the donors. He, therefore, enclosed to me checks for \$668.00 as our pro rata, with the reassurance of the thanks of the Brethren of California."

In the contribution of the California relief fund, the brethren of this Grand Lodge will recall that the Grand Chapter,

Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Birmingham, assisted in raising this fund. On receipt of the amount returned to me, I immediately communicated with the presiding officers of the above Grand Bodies, as to the disposition of this amount. They each agreed with me, that it be recommended to the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama, that it be converted into the Widows and Orphans fund of this Grand Lodge, the same course as pursued last year with the balance left in my hands, when I received the notice, that no further funds were required in San Francisco. I now have this amount, \$668.00, on deposit and subject to your order.

At the same time, that I received the communication from the Grand Master of California, I also received a letter from Brother John W. Phillips, Treas. of the Executive Committee, constituted for the relief of the storm sufferers, caused by the hurricane that passed over our Gulf Coast, September 23, 1906. You will no doubt remember, that immediately after the great disaster that visited our southern coast at that time, our Mobile brethren formed a relief Committee, for the purpose of extending relief to those of our brethren, their widows and orphans, who had lost, many of them, all that they possessed, and who lived along the Coast District only. The Mobile Brethren taking it upon themselves, to care for the suffering of the destitute of their city and suburbs. On October 8th, 1906, the presiding officers of the co-ordinate Masonic Bodies joined me, affixing their approval to an appeal mailed to the various subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, to send contributions to this Committee to assist them in their relief work. In the communication received from Brother Phillips, he informs me, that "after giving every attention and relief, and no further duty to perform, the Committee find that it still has a balance on hand of \$622.63, which amount was transmitted to our Grand Secretary with the request, that this be placed to the Widows and Orphans fund, and which I earnestly recommend". I acknowledged receipt of Brother Phillips' letter, thanking the brethren of

the Committee on behalf of this Grand Lodge, commanding them for the true Masonic spirit, that prompted their action in this matter.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 21, ART. VI OF THE CONSTITUTION.

At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, the following amendment to Sec. 21, Art. VI, of the Constitution, was almost unanimously passed and submitted to the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Striking out the words "shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge," and inserting in lieu thereof as follows:

"shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than one dollar, of which fifty cents for each member of the subordinate Lodge shall be set apart as a fund to be used for the establishment and maintenance of a Masonic Home, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for indigent Master Masons in good standing and widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons, who at their death were members of and in good standing in a subordinate Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The balance of said dues, namely, fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge.

Provided, however, That this Grand Lodge may hereafter, in its discretion, reduce the assessment herein provided for said Masonic Home."

It now becomes, the most pleasing duty of my administration, my dear brethren, to announce to you, the overwhelming vote in favor of this amendment.

At the last annual communication, a resolution was adopted, "That the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee, of which he shall be a member, whose duty it shall be to wage a campaign of education, throughout the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, on the proposed constitutional amendment." In compliance with this resolution. I appointed such Committee, mention of which has been made in this address, appointing on the Committee, representatives from each Masonic District of the State. How faithfully this Campaign Committee labored, is best expressed in the favorable result of their work.

There are four hundred and forty-four subordinate chartered Lodges entitled to vote on the amendment. Of these 392 voted Aye, 50 Nay, and thus far but two Lodges have failed to report their vote. The last time this amendment was voted on, was during the year 1906. At that time, there were 135 Lodges voted Aye, 280 voted Nay, and 10 failed to vote, thus showing a great change in the sentiment of the brethren on this question. The numerical strength, taking the annual returns of 1906 as a basis, the total membership of those Lodges voting in opposition was but 1,770, less than ten per cent. of our total membership. This is indeed a gratifying result.

To the Campaign Committee, to the various County Committeemen, to the numerous brethren in every county, city, town, and beat, to that noble band of women, known as the Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, composed of our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, to the daily and weekly press of the State, to each and every one, officially and unofficially connected with the successful passage of this amendment, I desire to tender my heart felt thanks and highest appreciation, for their uniform good will and their every assistance. No one, more than your Grand Master, knows how cheerfully every call for aid and assistance was answered, frequently at a great personal sacrifice. No one had a more loyal band of brethren, ready to co-operate with him at all times, without "hope of reward". History informs us that Lord Nelson signalled his fleet, "England today expects every man to do his duty". In entering this contest of ours, the signal had been displayed, "The Masonic orphan girl and boy, the widow, and the indigent brother, expects every Master Mason to do his duty."

My fervent prayer, is that the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in his mercy, will spare each and every one of you to enjoy life, in health and prosperity, and to see our cherished hope of the Alabama Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and Home for Indigent Brethren, substantial in its accomplishment. A Home in the truest sense of the term. A

permanent shelter for those destitute children and widows of our deceased brethren. I feel that in future years each and every one of you, will be proud of the fact that you lent your assistance, and co-operation to this great cause. I am confident that Alabama Masonry will have no brighter page in its history, than the overwhelming favorable vote, recorded by the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, in favor of this amendment, and when our Home is finally located and completed, our work will prove the crowning glory of Alabama Masonry.

As for myself, I attempted, as far as possible, according to my humble judgment, to perform the duty imposed upon me as one of this Committee. By the middle of January, I set aside all interests of a personal or business nature that might impede or in any manner hinder, my giving this work my undivided attention, and I devoted my entire time, exclusively to the same, until the early part of July. I traveled into almost every section of the State, visiting numerous Lodges, as well as arranging for joint meetings of the various subordinate Lodges, at central points of their particular Counties. Every argument that could be used to bear in favor of the amendment, was expressed, both through correspondence and appearing personally before the subordinate Lodges. Every possible objection that could be offered was to the best of my ability, logically met with sound arguments. Our efforts touched a responsive chord in thousands of Masonic hearts. The greatest encouragement that I received during my labors, was in the fact, that those who were at first most bitterly opposed to the movement, were won over to seeing the necessity of the same. It is with pleasure, that I can point to a number of these good brethren, who became my most ardent supporters before the close of the campaign.

In the resolution for the appointment of this Campaign Committee, I desire to call your attention to the fact, that no appropriation was made for the expenses to be incurred in this great work. Therefore, it has cost this Grand Lodge comparatively, very little, to carry the same to a successful issue. Very few of our brethren have an idea of the vast expense

incurred, both by rail and conveyance, hotel bills, printing of literature, stenographic work, postage, etc. To those few brethren that personally contributed so liberally to this great expense, and gave so freely, the future will bless them in the thanks and prayers of the widow and orphan. When appealed to these brethren were prompted only by that Masonic spirit, clearly displaying that they remembered well "What induced you to become a Mason?"

Prosperity reigns in our beloved Commonwealth. The Supreme Architect of the Universe has been kind to us and crowned our efforts with success, and I feel confident, that out of our abundance, that many thank offerings will be placed on the altar of this great charity and that the blessings of the widow, the orphan and indigent brother will go out to us forever.

There was no help, however, in reference to the Home Movement more effective than that of the Order of Eastern Star. Five thousand letters sent out by the Grand Secretary of this Order during the campaign had untold influence with the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction while five hundred (\$500.00) dollars contributed by the Grand Chapter last year, five hundred (\$500.00) dollars this year and one-half of the per capita tax of the Order will be a future contribution. All attest to the fact that "by their works, ye shall know them" and there is no work more effective than that of women for charity and benevolence.

I also desire to mention here, that at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama held at Mobile, May 8th and 9th, a preamble and resolution, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, "endorsing the movement of the Grand Lodge, in the submitting of the W. & O. Home amendment, to the subordinate Lodges of its Jurisdiction, and requesting the members of the Temple Orders in Alabama to do all they can in their respective Lodges for the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution". This action of the Grand Commandery was immediately telegraphed to me, to which I replied by wire, to the Grand Commandery.

tendering, "My cordial greetings and thanks, for with the aid of the magnificent endorsement of the representatives of the good Sir Knights of Alabama, we must march on to glorious victory."

Also the Eighth Reunion of the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Mobile, held April 25th, heartily endorsed the movement and pledged its support and assistance.

To the above, I also replied officially, expressing the thanks and appreciation of this Grand Lodge, and I am confident that this also assisted us very materially in the success of our work.

And now, the early establishment and the future success of "Our Home", depends on the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama. It is with you, my brethren. By the Grand Lodge, I allude also to the subordinate Lodges of Alabama. Each and every Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction is equally responsible for the actions of the Grand Lodge, for the latter is mainly composed of the representatives of the subordinate Lodges. On the class of these representatives you send to the Grand Lodge, depends the composition of the latter, as well as the future and the hope of the good results of our Home. Therefore, the brethren composing our subordinate Lodges, must see to it that their representatives perform their duty well, and hold them responsible for their failure to do so.

Let us bend all our energy, and unite all the force of this Grand Jurisdiction, that will lead towards the ultimate and early erection, and final completion of a Masonic Home, that will be the pride of Alabama Masonry. I am confident, in stating here, that the few Lodges in opposition to the establishment of the Home, will eventually become its most ardent and enthusiastic supporters.

It now devolves upon me to make such recommendations, as to the first steps to be taken towards the accomplishment of our long cherished hope of having a Masonic Home in this State.

I would recommend

1. That a Committee of five brethren be appointed, to take the entire matter under consideration, and make such recommendations and suggestions as they deem proper, and report at this annual communication. While we have practically nothing with which to start to build the Home, we can begin to formulate our plans of procedure, whereby the Grand Lodge, can take such intelligent action in the near future, along such lines, as in its good judgment, it may see fit.

2. That this Grand Lodge, does not undertake the building of the Home, until it has \$50,000.00 to the credit of the Home fund.

3. After making a fair and careful estimate of the receipts prior to, and immediately after the convening of this Grand Lodge, together with a liberal estimate of our expenses for the coming year, according to figures furnished to me, by our Grand Secretary, whom we know, at all times, calculates very conservatively, we will have approximately \$6,000.00 more than our requirements for this year. I would recommend that \$5,000.00 of this amount be withdrawn from the General Fund and transferred to the Widows and Orphans Fund. There will be no absolute need for this amount in our General Fund, and by converting it, to the fund mentioned, it will encourage economy in our expenditures, and we will be husbanding our resources for the grand project we have in view. I further recommend that as there will be a surplus in the General Fund each year, that seventy-five per cent. of such surplus on hand September 1st. of each year be transferred to the Permanent Trust Fund.

4. The Permanent Trust Fund of this Grand Lodge was first established in the year 1875. The object in view was to provide a fund for a Masonic Temple, for this Grand Lodge. This purpose has been accomplished, in the cancellation of the mortgage and the payment of the debt on our Temple, as has been told you in a preceding paragraph of this address.

I would recommend that this Grand Lodge continue this Fund, along the same lines as heretofore, with the exception that the dues and rents go to the General Fund, and receipt

from all other sources be applied to the Permanent Trust Fund: That the Permanent Trust Fund be dedicated solely to the creation of an endowment fund, for the Masonic Home. I am of the opinion that the receipts from dues and rents, from now on will pay all the running expenses of the Grand Lodge, as our finances have never been in better condition than they are at present.

5. We have a Widows and Orphans Fund amounting now to \$2,001.53. Add to this the amount of \$668.00, returned by the Grand Master of California, recommended by me, to be transferred into this fund, will give us a total of \$2,669.53.

6. At the present ratio of increase in the membership of our subordinate Lodges, the amendment to Section 21, Art. VI, of the Constitution, will add to this fund at least \$10,000.00 before the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

7. To expedite the accumulation of a fund and to avoid any unnecessary delay in making an early start in the erection of the Home, I feel that an earnest appeal to the Brethren of Alabama, for assistance in this matter will bear excellent results. I am confident that with our vast fraternal army in this State, approximately bordering on twenty thousand, that we can call for 2,000 brethren to voluntarily give us a donation of \$20.00 each. The total amount to be applied to the building of the Home. Let the contemplated amount to be raised be pro rated by Counties, in the proportion of the total membership in each County, that of the entire Masonic strength of the State. Where smaller contributions are more advisable, towards securing the total amount, expected from certain counties, towards the making up of their pro rata, this can be easily arranged for.

With an enthusiastic worker in every County, in the State, I am confident there will be no difficulty in raising the amount desired. As I have frequently stated, no where on the face of the earth, will one find better or truer Masons, or Brethren, who have at all times shown more Masonic zeal and charity, than the Brethren, composing the Fraternity of this Grand Jurisdiction. All that it requires to accomplish this, is to properly present the matter to our brethren.

I would also mention in this connection, that I have had

several offers of sites for the Home, tendered to me gratis, if the Home should be located at these places, but to each I have replied, that no consideration could be given these offers, until after the vote on the amendment has been officially declared at this communication of the Grand Lodge.

CONCLUSION.

Thus my brethren, as we review the work of the past year and recount our achievements, it will be seen that in referring to them, I was not indulging in mere rhetorical extravagances, or drawing fanciful pictures. The Craft has ample cause to be proud of this record. This means to the thinking mind more than the upbuilding of the Fraternity in its material aspects, more than mere numerical and financial growth. It means that the individual brethren, the men who at last make or mar Masonry are striving to attain the ideals laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on our "spiritual, moral and Masonic trestle board." It means that the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction are a body of pure-hearted, clean-handed men engaged in ceaseless and unselfish service for their fellows. It means that the great lesson of common brotherhood in which there is "neither border, nor breed, nor birth", has sunk deep in the hearts of those who look towards the symbolic letter that hangs over "The East". It is an inspiring message, my dear brethren, and should fill us with zeal and renewed determination to lift the bowed head of suffering humanity; to give the wine of comfort to the stricken and unfortunate; to seek the triumph of right over wrong; to strengthen by our sympathy every generous impulse; to do all the good we can, and seek in all things to bring nearer the reign of righteousness on earth. For these great purposes:—

"Work, brother mine, with hand and brain
To win the golden age again:
Till love's millenial morn shall rise
In happy hearts and blessed eyes,
And all the world may know that we
Are Knights in God's own chivalry."

Fraternally submitted,

BEN M. JACOBS,
Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of W.: Brother James T. Greene, the Grand Master's Address was referred to a committee of three Past Grand Masters, as follows:

Russell M. Cunningham,
James A. Bilbro, and
B. Dudley Williams,

except that portion relating to the proposed Widows and Orphans Home, which was referred to a special committee of five as follows:

Daniel A. Greene, Hinds Peevey,
Jacob D. Bloch, James T. Greene,
Hezeriah G. Earnest.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: Brother William H. Dingley, submitted the following reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Wm. H DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with the

M.: W.: GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. MASONS OF ALABAMA.

1906.	DR.	
Dec. 5. To balance -----	\$ 7,832 25	
28. Received from Grand Sect'y-\$ 568 21		
1907.		
Nov. 2. Received from Grand Sect'y- 2,000 00		
15. Received from Grand Sect'y- 6,925 29		
		\$ 17,325 75

CR.

By Grand Secretary, salary-----	\$ 1,800 00
Grand Sec'ty, clerical assistance--	400 00
Grand Treasurer -----	200 00
Grand Lecturer -----	300 00
Grand Chaplain -----	25 00
Grand Tyler -----	20 00
Grand Registrar -----	400 00
Com. on F. Correspondence-----	200 00
Com. on Susp., Expul. & Appeals--	50 00
Committee on Work—	
A. M. Scott -----	\$40 00
W. W. Daffin -----	25 00
W. A. Arnold -----	30 00
H. G. Earnest -----	30 00
S. W. Tate-----	30 00
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Committee on Finance—	
L. Lazarus -----	40 00
P. B. Dixon -----	16 00
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Grand Secretary, overdraft Contingent Fund -----	213 99
Grand Secretary Contingent Fund	1,600 00
Grand Master, Expense-----	150 00
Washing and repairing Aprons----	13 80
Porter for Grand Tyler-----	4 00
Library, Binding -----	290 30
Tyler for Committee on Work----	10 00
Repairing Roof of Temple-----	100 00
Repairing Hall of Temple-----	375 00
Special Appropriation Com. on Cor.	100 00
Com. on Masonic Jurisprudence—	
G. P. Harrison-----	\$10 00
D. A. Greene -----	12 65
M. W. Rushton -----	5 64
J. M. Carmichael -----	3 50
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Cases for Com. on Correspondence..	25 75
Mahan Lodge, No. 490, dues-----	7 50
Motley Lodge No. 634, Dispensation	14 00
Com. to Autaugaville Lodge No.	
31, Expenses -----	18 32
Grand Tyler, Special Communica-	
tion - -----	5 00
Testimonial to R. M. Cunningham,	
P. G. M. -----	100 25
10½ Doz. Chairs -----	94 68
Insurance on \$15,000, 3 years----	412 50
Binding Record Books -----	7 50
Carriages at funeral of Grand Tyler	24 00
Interest on Bonds -----	255 00 7,459 38

Balance - -----	9,866 37

	\$17,325 75

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 3, 1907.

Wm. H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with the

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME FUND.

1906.	DR.
Dec. 2. To balance -----	\$ 249 97
17. Received from Grand Sec'ty--	583 88
1907.	
Nov. 15. Received from Grand Sect'y-	667 68 \$ 1,501 53

1906.	CR.
Dec. 19. By Bond No. 27 -----	500 00
Balance -- -----	1,001 53 \$ 1,501 53

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 3, 1907.

TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT TRUST FUND
In Account with the

GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. MASONS.

1906.	DR.
Dec. 1. To balance -----	\$ 1,473 71
1907.	
Nov. 15. Rec'd from Grand Secretary	2,182 75
	<u>\$ 3,656 46</u>

1907.	CR.
Jan. By Bonds, Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26----	2,000 00
Bonds, Nos. 28, 29, 30----	1,500 00
Balance -- -----	156 46 \$ 3,656 46

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Brother George A. Beauchamp, submitted the following Reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Alabama:
 I beg to submit the following reports for the year ending November 15, 1907:

CASH RECEIPTS.

1907.	DUES.
Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report-----	\$ 8,859 00
(For detailed statement, see Appendix.)	

1907.	RENTS.
Nov. 15. Rents collected from the Masonic Bldgs of Montgomery since last report-----	600 00

CERTIFICATES.

Certificates have been issued to the following former members of defunct Lodges since last report:

1906.

Nov. 17	Homer Lanier, East Bend-----	No. 517--no ch'ge
17	John H. Lisk, East Bend-----	517--no ch'ge
Dec. 1	John Winter, Frankfort-----	275---- 1 00
3	M. M. Danzer, Choctaw Corner---	216---- 1 00
8	Thos. B. Mills, Frankfort-----	275---- 1 00
11	W. J. Felkins, Bremen-----	496---- 1 00
18	James S. Raines, Cotaco-----	366---- 1 00
20	Hugh W. L. Toney, Cluttsville---	319---- 1 50

1907.

Jan. 14	J. A. McKinstry, Bridgeville-----	100---- 1 00
15.	T. J. Callahan, Walker-----	286---- 1 00
18	Joel Mills, Northport-----	252---- 4 00
18	Reuben K. Gardner, Sipsey-----	350---- 3 00
26	Eugene L. Moore, Gaston-----	44---- 1 00
Feb. 12	Isaac S. Mills, Luverne-----	488--no ch'ge
23	Charles W. Lindsey, Hillsboro---	408---- 1 00
M'ch 27	W. H. Carter, Cotaco-----	366---- 1 00
27	James A. Holloway, Meridian Sun-	88---- 1 00
Apr. 9	Thos. F. S. York, Walker-----	286---- 1 00
16	R. F. Hawkins, Luverne-----	488---- 1 00
June 7	Frank Harper, Rock Mills-----	353---- 1 00
13	Jas. J. Smith, (E. A.) Opelika---	195---- 1 00
17	Josiah J. Haycraft, Luverne-----	488---- 1 00
25	James W. Berry, Hillsboro-----	408---- 1 00
July 1	James T. Trammell, Piedmont Fra-	
	ternal -----	384---- 1 00
Aug. 26	John W. Eubanks, Pine Level-----	202--no ch'ge
30	William E. Robertson, Aberfoil---	181---- 1 00
Sept. 13	Benjamin F. Seay, Felix-----	124---- 4 00
Oct. 8	A. J. Rabun, Goliad-----	370---- 1 00
11	N. W. Martin, Luverne-----	488---- 1 00
10	John T. Brooks, Mt. Jefferson-----	152---- 1 00

\$34 50

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued for the formation of the following Lodges since last report:

1906.

Dec. 31 Paint Rock ----- No. 665----- \$35 00

1907.

Feb. 1	Northport	-----	252 (to reorganize)	14 00
22	Mizpah	-----	667	35 00
25	Lindsey	-----	668	35 00
Mch. 7	Pearces Mills	-----	669	35 00
11	Acacia	-----	670	35 00
11	Newbern	-----	102	no ch'ge
Apr. 9	Joe Wheeler	-----	671	35 00
17	H. G. Earnest	-----	672	35 00
May 2	Sylvania	-----	673	35 00
14	Goshen	-----	674	35 00
June 28	Loango	-----	675	35 00
Aug. 5	Dozier	-----	676	35 00
9	Ashlar	-----	677	35 00
24	Leverett	-----	678	35 00
Sept. 12	Austinville	-----	679	35 00
Oct. 14	Koenton	-----	680	35 00
28	Jacob	-----	681	35 00
31	Jamestown	-----	682	35 00

\$644 00

CHARTERS.

Charters have been issued to the following Lodges since last report:

1906.

Dec. 5.	Adamsville	-----	No. 603	\$35 00
Dec. 5.	Garden City	-----	628	35 00
Dec. 5.	James Mills	-----	638	35 00
Dec. 5.	Sayre	-----	640	35 00

Dec. 5. Fairview -	644-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Glenwood -	645-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Abernant -	646-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Black Rock -----	649-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Mt. Ida -----	660-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Huffman -	633-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Motley -	634-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Lanett -	656-----	35 00
Dec. 5. Sam Gibbons -----	639-----	35 00
Dec. 11. Hacoda -	631-----	35 00
Dec. 17. Waterloo -	642-----	35 00
Dec. 17. William H. Dingley -----	662-----	35 00
Dec. 18. Ben M. Jacobs -----	643-----	35 00
Dec. 18. George A. Beauchamp -----	657-----	35 00
Dec. 19. Lamar -	651-----	35 00
Dec. 22. Dement -	654-----	35 00

		\$700 00

1907.

MANUALS.

Nov. 15. Manuals sold since last report-----	\$838 75
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1906.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Dec. 17. "California Relief Fund," donated by Grand Masonic Bodies of Alabama-----\$	583 88
Dec. 19. Interest on Bond No. 7-----	15 00
1907.	
Aug. 10. Interest on Bonds Nos. 7 and 27-----	30 00
Sept. 18. Balance "Storm Sufferers Fund," donated by the Masonic Bodies of Mobile, Alabama -----	622 68

	\$1,251 56

RECAPITULATION.

1907.

GENERAL FUND.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report-----\$	8,859 00
Rents collected since last report-----	600 00
Certificates issued since last re- port -----	34 50
	\$ 9,493 50

1907.

PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

Nov. 15. Dispensations issued since last re-

port - -----	\$ 644 00
Charters issued since last re-	
port - -----	700 00
Manuals sold since last report..	838 75 \$2,182 75

1907.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Nov. 15. Receipts since last report----- \$1,251 56

Total cash receipts ----- \$12,927 81

1906.

PAID GRAND TREASURER.

Dec. 28. For General Fund----- \$ 568 21

1907.

Nov. 2. For General Fund ----- 2,000 00

15. For General Fund ----- 6,925 29 \$9,493 50

1906.

Nov. 15. For Permanent Trust Fund----- \$2,182 75

Dec. 17. For Widows and Orphans Fund.. 583 88

1907.

Nov. 15. For Widows and Orphans Fund 667 68 \$ 1,251 56

\$12,927 81

An edict of the Grand Lodge enacted in 1893, requires "that all the Subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby required, to pay their annual dues to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of November of each year, and that all Lodges failing to comply with this resolution shall be considered as being delinquent for that year." (See Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1893, pages 73 and 74.)

I regret to say that quite a number of the Lodges have failed

to comply with this requirement. The appendix will contain the names of the Lodges that are delinquent when the Grand Lodges closes its Communication.

As our books are closed on the 15th of November, all remittances reaching this office after that date will necessarily have to appear in my report of next year. I trust that the Secretaries of the various Lodges will bear this in mind, and in future remit in time for their dues to be credited in the year for which remitted.

Since our last Annual Communication we have taken up the remainder of the bonds on our Masonic Temple, thus totally extinguishing our bonded indebtedness.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

A first class Masonic Library has been one of the hobbies of your Grand Secretary. When he assumed the duties of this office our beautiful library room contained no bookcases, only a few open shelves—probably not more than one hundred bound volumes of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. Fortunately, we had thousands of proceedings in pamphlet form stored in the attic, and through the kindness of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery in making the necessary appropriations, the greater portion of these pamphlets have been bound and placed in the library of the Grand Lodge.

At the present writing, we have about two thousand bound volumes of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, and also many volumes of rare, miscellaneous works. Thus far we have purchased one hundred and seventy-eight Globe-Wernicke Cases, in which the books are kept.

During the coming year it is our intention to purchase suitable tables and chairs for the library, besides continuing the binding and also buying a few more book-cases. We still have many rare pamphlets which will be bound when the "gaps" can be filled.

Hundreds of letters have been written in endeavoring to fill

these "gaps" and hundreds more will be written with this end in view. Many of them have been filled, and if continual, persistent effort will accomplish anything, many more will be eventually filled. In this connection your Grand Secretary desires to tender his sincere thanks to the Finance Committee in recommending the necessary appropriations (as without its co-operation nothing could have been done) and also to the Grand Lodge for adopting the recommendations of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

November 15, 1907.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

In Account with the

GRAND LODGE A.: F.: & A.: M.: OF ALABAMA.

1906.

Dec. 6. To Contingent Fund ----- \$1,600 00 1,600 00

Nov. 15	By Printing and Stationery	-----	880 72
15	" Sundries	-----	104 60
15	" Light	-----	177 40
15	" Postage, Freight & Express	-----	471 14
15	" Janitor	-----	318 75
15	" Repairs	-----	15 25
15	" Box rent	-----	11 00
15	" Water	-----	13 00
15	" Coal	-----	9 25
15	" Telephone and Telegrams	-----	28 65 2,029 76
Overdrawn			\$429 76

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W.: Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which on motion, was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. (See Appendix).

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W.: Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, and on motion it was adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Alabama:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is in receipt of a neat little pamphlet setting forth the organization of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and respectfully submits the following report thereon :

It appearing that, on August 9, 1906, a convention of representatives of the Masonic Lodges of the Province of Saskatchewan was held for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of said Province; further, that of the twenty-nine Lodges in the Province twenty-one were represented in said convention; that all of the proceedings of that convention were conformable to Masonic law and usage; and that manifest evidence of ability to "run" a Grand Lodge appears in their financial statistics, to-wit :

Estimated income, for the year-----\$2,092 00
Estimated expenditures for the year-----1,000 00;
leaving in the treasury, balance of \$1,092.00; therefore your committee recommend that, on receipt of official application for recognition from said Grand Lodge, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama be authorized and empowered to extend official, fraternal recognition to said Grand Lodge, and to invite interchange of representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. TITCOMB, Committee,

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

W.: Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is directed, by the M.: W.: Grand Master, to take into consideration the following communication and to make report on the same. It runs thus:

Athens, Greece, Jan. 2, 1907.

The Grand Orient of Greece to the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Dear Sir and Brother:

In order to develop among the Brothers of this M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Greece and among Masons generally, the feeling of international Brotherhood, and for the purpose of making visible to them the mystic tie that binds all masonic brothers of the world, this Most W.: Grand Lodge of Greece beg to solicit the honour of exchanging Grand Representatives with your Grand East.

Trusting that your M.: W.: Grand Lodge will honour us by accepting our proposal, we should be pleased to indicate you the name of an eminent Brother of our Grand Lodge as your Representative, and at the same time we should feel most obliged to you, if you would appoint yourselves our Representative with your M.: W.: Grand East.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our fraternal proposal, as no doubt you will not refuse to meet us in our efforts for the furtherance of the general purpose of Freemasonry, and we beg to assure you, most honorable Sir and M.: W.: Grand East, that we shall feel the sincerest pleasure in exchanging friendly greetings with you.

Thanking you in advance and awaiting your kind reply, I beg you, dear Sir and Brother, to believe me,

Fraternally yours,

PAN C. PETRACKIS, 33°.

Please address all letters to the M.: W.: Grand Master, Lawyer, Pan. C. Petrackis, Avocat, Athens, Greece.

(The Grand Lodge of Alabama, as such, does not know any
33^o.)

In regard to the report just read, your Committee reports as follows:

As to the regularity or legitimacy of the Grand Body making this request your Committee is not as yet informed. To the best of our information there appear to be two Grand Bodies, both claiming to be regular and each denouncing the other as clandestine. In view of the situation, we recommend, as regards official relations with either of these Grecian Bodies, maintenance of a "wise and masterly inactivity," save, for the present, to courteously decline recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. TITCOMB,
Committee.

PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL

R. : W. : Brother Daniel A. Greene, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented to Past Grand Master Russell M. Cunningham the testimonial, (a beautiful gold watch), awarded to him at the eighty-second (82d) Annual Communication in a short and aptly worded address, which was eloquently and happily replied to by the recipient.

GREETINGS FROM TENNESSEE.

Brother Marcus B. Toney, a visiting brother from Nashville, Tennessee, arose and extended the greetings of the Masons of Tennessee to the Masons of Alabama, and congratulated his Alabama brethren on the fact that a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home in their State would soon be an accomplished event.

LETTER FROM THE WIDOW OF PAST GRAND MASTER HENRY H. MATTHEWS.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from Mrs. Henry H. Matthews, the widow of our

deceased Grand Master, which was, on motion, ordered spread on the minutes:

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 28, 1907.

Mr. Gco. A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary, City.

Dear Mr. Beauchamp:—I wish to thank the Masons of Alabama for their unwavering kindness to the widow and orphans of their late comrade. Owing to their generosity, I am now enjoying the luxury of my own domain; henceforth the tranquillity of my life will be undisturbed, and peaceful serenity is assured me in my old age. When the mystic chord of life is severed, the pleasure of meeting my loved one will be no sweeter than was the gentle, courteous, kindness of his well loved Masonic fraternity, to his wife and children in the early hours of bereavement. When the way seemed dark and cheerless, they cleared the path for future comfort and happiness.

Please accept grateful thanks.

Sincerely,

MARY C. MATTHEWS.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of W.: Brother Robert F. Lovelady, the report of the Committee on Work, was made the special order for eight o'clock this evening.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The M.: W.: Grand Master then announced the following Committee:

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Basil M. Hill,

Robert T. Ward,

John B. O'Bannon.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M.: W.: Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

IN GRAND LODGE.

TUESDAY EVENING, December 3d, 1907.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, the M.: W.: Grand Master, Ben M. Jacobs, presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The Representatives of Grand Lodges, present, were received and welcomed to seats in the Grand Lodge.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 21, ARTICLE 6, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary made report on the above mentioned proposed amendment to the constitution, which was as follows:

Be it Resolved, That section 21, of article 6, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Alabama, be amended as follows:

By striking out the words "shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge," and inserting in lieu thereof as follows:

"Shall pay to the Grand Secretary not more than one dollar, of which fifty cents for each member of the subordinate Lodge shall be set apart as a fund to be used for the establishment of a Masonic Home, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for indigent Master Masons in good standing and

widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons who at their death were members of and in good standing in a subordinate Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"The balance of said dues, namely, fifty cents, to be regulated by the Grand Lodge.

"Provided, however, That this Grand Lodge may hereafter, in its discretion, reduce the assessment herein provided for said Masonic Home."

The number of Lodges voting for the amendment was 392.

The number of Lodges voting against the amendment was 50.

The number of Lodges not voting was 2.

The number of Chartered Lodges now working in obedience to this Grand Lodge is 444. Number necessary to carry proposed amendment, 296.

It will thus be seen that the amendment has secured the approval of two-thirds of the chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as required by the Constitution and has therefore been adopted.

Whereupon the M.: W.: Grand Master declared the amendment adopted.

NOTICE TO SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary sent to each and every Subordinate Lodge, in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the following circular letter:

MASONIC TEMPLE.
JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE A.: F.: & A.: M.: OF
ALABAMA.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montgomery, Ala., May 15, 1907.

Dear Brother Secretary: Your earnest attention is called to the Proposition herein submitted to amend the Constitution, which you will read in open Lodge at your last regular Com-

munication preceding the 24th June, at which time your Lodge must vote on the proposed Amendment.

When your Lodge has voted on the proposed amendment, fill out the blank prepared for that purpose and attached herewith. Detach the same and mail to me without delay.

I beg to call your attention to the following edict of the Grand Lodge:

"In all cases where Lodges fail to report action upon proposed Amendments, when properly sent to them, as required by the Constitution, the Masters of such Lodges shall be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication to give their reasons for failing to report their action or non-action to the proposed Amendments."

As soon as your election is over, please see to it that the list of officers elected is made out on the enclosed blank and forwarded to me at once.

You are earnestly and fraternally requested to keep these important matters in your mind until they are duly attended to.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

----- Ala., ----- 1907.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

Dear Brother: At a Regular Communication of ----- Lodge, No.----- held on the ----- day of ----- 1907, a vote was taken on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, with the following result:

Detailed statement of the vote on the proposition to amend Section 21, Article 6, of the Constitution. 392 Lodges voted "Yes", as follows:

No.	1	Helion.	8	Farrar.
3	Alabama.	9	Gilead.	
4	Rising Virtue.	11	Montgomery.	
6	Moulton.	14	Florence.	
7	Macon.	16	Athens.	

22	St. Albans.	83	Friendship.
24	George Washington.	84	Erophotic.
25	Dale.	89	Prattville.
26	LaFayette.	90	Pfister.
27	Selma Fraternal.	93	Sawyer.
29	Rising Sun.	95	Danville.
31	Autauga.	97	Lozahatchee.
36	Washington.	98	Fulton.
37	Courtland.	99	Salem.
40	Mobile.	101	Hartwell.
41	Livingston.	104	Good Samaritan.
42	Hiram.	105	Shiloh.
43	Leighton.	106	Hermon.
46	Harmony.	107	Choctaw.
49	Demopolis.	110	Forest Hill.
50	Union.	111	Sylvan.
52	New Market.	112	Dean.
53	Greening.	116	DeKalb.
54	Amity.	122	Coffeeville.
55	Mt. McRiah.	123	Moundville.
56	Troy.	125	Herndon.
57	Tuskegee.	127	Bolivar.
59	Benton.	129	Geneva.
62	St. Johns.	131	Yorkville.
63	Social.	132	Roanoke.
64	Eureka.	134	Wiley.
67	Mampden Sidney.	135	Columbia.
69	Howard.	136	Unity.
70	Central.	137	Rockford.
71	Dadeville.	140	Shelby.
72	Widows Son.	142	Baldwin.
75	Cokersville.	145	Fraternity.
76	Auburn.	146	Missouri.
78	Crczier.	147	Rogersville.
79	Fredonia.	148	Cold Water.
80	Wilcox.	149	Chambers.

151	Bladon Springs.	223	Mt. Carmel.
153	Monroeville.	224	Newton.
154	Nixburg.	225	Louisville.
155	Eastaboga.	226	Santa Fe.
161	Penick.	227	James Penn.
162	Hendrix.	228	Dallas.
163	Fayetteville Au- thentic.	230	Bexar.
168	Mount Hope.	233	Sepulga.
170	Elba.	236	Gadsden.
171	Ariton.	238	Fairmount.
172	Fellowship.	240	Bowen.
173	Andrew Jackson.	242	Coosa.
177	Orion.	243	Ramer.
178	DeSotoville.	246	Harrison.
180	Mt. Hilliard.	247	Seddon.
184	Brundidge	248	Lawrence.
185	Mt. Eagle.	250	Amand.
186	Ashville.	256	Gaylesville.
187	Landmark	257	Ervin.
190	Tombigbee.	261	Talladega.
192	Chattahoochee.	264	Walnut Grove.
193	Hopewell.	266	Mt. Pleasant.
197	Hillabee.	270	Forest Home.
199	Killgee.	276	Bullock.
200	Sylacauga.	277	Larkinsville.
204	Pike Road.	280	Springville.
207	Elkmont.	281	Chas. Baskerville.
208	Alexandria.	285	Georgiana.
209	Marshall.	290	Gillespie.
211	York.	291	Ft. Deposit.
214	Carrollton.	301	Norris.
218	Sam Dixon.	304	Winfield.
219	Lineville.	305	Central City.
221	Tensaw.	321	Bear Creek.
222	Western Star.	323	Holly Grove.
		324	Oneonta.

331	Charity.	393	Blount Springs.
332	Blue Eye.	394	Valley Head.
334	Oliver.	396	Falkville.
335	Nanafalia.	398	Hartselle.
338	Georgiana Davis.	400	Hanceville.
340	Clear Creek.	403	Childersburg.
341	Ragan.	406	Doric.
344	Hamilton.	409	Hartford.
346	Hurtsboro.	410	Helena.
349	Ozark.	411	Jemison.
351	Wilson Williams.	412	Amberson.
355	Van Buren.	416	WilHamsburg.
356	Ashland.	417	George Smith.
358	Barbour.	419	Hilton.
359	Sccttsboro.	420	Brcomtown.
360	Newtonville.	421	Cullman Fraternal.
361	Town Creek.	422	Shcrterville.
363	Chester.	423	Clanton.
365	Houston.	425	Temple.
369	Athelstan.	428	Belgreen.
371	Russellville.	429	Milo Albercrombie
375	Gainesville.	430	Albertville.
377	Lake City.	432	Steel's Station.
378	Weogufka.	435	Ware.
379	Robert E. Lee.	437	Ft. Payne.
380	Oha'chee.	438	Headland.
381	E. H. Cook.	439	Mt. Vernon.
383	Attalla.	440	Forney.
384	Birmingham Fraternal.	443	Anniston.
386	Trinity.	445	Calera.
388	Newburg.	446	Leeds.
389	Vernon.	447	Taylor.
390	Weathers.	448	Coalburg.
391	North Border.	450	Florida.
		452	Dolomite.

453	Gibson.	491	New Decatur.
454	Lee.	492	Wylam.
455	Beulah.	493	Ashford.
456	Sam Thompson.	494	Carbon Hill.
457	Harris.	497	Sunny South.
458	Bessemer.	498	Bay Minette.
459	Hardy Howle.	500	Logan.
460	King Solmon.	501	Delmar.
461	Ben Sims.	502	Caldwell.
462	Corinthian.	503	Sheffield.
463	Addison.	506	Irondale.
464	Haleyville.	507	George Morrow.
465	Oakman.	508	Mt. Signal.
466	Dothan.	509	Brookwood.
467	Kennedy.	511	Johns.
468	Bethany.	512	Cunningham.
469	Enterprise.	515	James D. Truss.
470	Hokes Bluff.	516	Magnolia.
471	Mt. Willing.	518	Davis.
472	Baileyville.	519	Hewitt.
473	Stanton.	521	Gurley.
474	Blocton.	522	Carrington.
475	Deatsville.	523	Almond.
476	Avondale.	524	Berry.
477	Renfroe.	525	Woodlawn Fraternal.
478	Guin.	526	Hackleburg.
479	Rock Springs.	529	Browns Cross Roads
480	East Lake.	531	Muscadine.
481	Locust Fork.	532	Sulligent.
482	Mill Port.	534	Bozeman.
483	Davis Fraternal.	535	Bangor.
484	Lebanon.	536	Spring Hill.
485	Monroe.	537	Enon.
486	Cedar Bluff.	539	Wewoka.
487	Round Mountain.	540	Searight.
489	Burnt Cern.		

541	Mt. Union.	585	Odom.
542	Mt. Zion.	586	Concord.
543	Bridgeport	587	Franklin.
545	H. C. Thompkins.	588	Prince.
546	Boaz.	589	Gantt.
549	Carney.	590	Chavies.
550	Dwight.	591	North Birmingham.
551	Fruithurst.	592	Moody.
552	Brookside.	593	Blacksher.
553	Asbury.	595	Brighton.
554	Crane Hill.	596	Dolcito.
555	Holly Pond.	597	Coffee Springs.
556	Coal City.	598	Greeno.
558	Wallace Haralson.	599	Slocomb.
559	Cordova.	600	M. A. Wood.
560	Ensley.	602	Arley.
561	Upshaw.	603	Adamsville.
562	Vinemont.	604	Healing Springs.
563	Isney.	605	Opp.
564	Gordo.	606	Olive.
565	Section.	607	Bentley.
566	Clio.	608	Spruce Pine.
568	Eulaton.	609	Stokes.
569	Anna Norton.	610	Black Creek.
570	Fresco.	611	Pinckard.
572	Patton.	612	W. T. Underwood.
573	Victoria.	613	Lexington.
574	Duke.	614	Lewis.
575	Repton.	615	Abernethy.
577	Jenifer.	616	Perryville.
578	Tunnel City.	617	Oak Grove.
579	Herbert.	618	Battelle.
580	Downing.	619	Travis L. Bedsole.
581	Reuben.	620	Queen.
583	Cedar Bend.	621	Fruitdale.
584	Wilson Shealey.	622	Ironaton.

623	Robert J. Redden.	639	Sam Gibbons.
624	Samson.	640	Sayre.
625	Lehigh.	642	Waterloo.
626	Dry Creek.	643	Ben M. Jacobs.
627	Charles Haynes.	644	Fairview.
629	McCormack.	645	Glenwood.
630	Luverne.	646	Abernant.
631	Hacoda.	649	Black Rock.
632	Franconia.	654	Dement.
633	Huffman.	656	Lanett.
635	Sonora.	657	Geo. A. Beauchamp.
636	Birmingham Temple	660	Mt. Ida.
637	Citronelle.	662	Wm. H. Dingley.
638	James Mills.		

50 Lodges voted "No", as follows:

Jo. 10	Royal White Hart.	278	Northern.
39	Wetumpka.	287	Clinton.
74	Solomon.	320	Warrenton.
81	St. Stephens.	345	Echo.
91	Henry.	354	Heaton.
96	Tuckabatchee.	357	Rutledge.
119	Notasulga.	364	Pleasant Site.
120	Camp Hill.	392	Hickory Flat.
143	Burleson.	397	Black Oak.
188	Clintonville.	399	Haw Ridge.
189	Delta.	402	Green Hill.
201	Lapine.	415	Oak Level.
212	Putnam.	434	Andalusia.
231	Duck Springs	436	Winston Star.
244	Samson.	449	Bankhead.
245	John Payne.	490	Mahan.
251	Honoraville.	495	Mt. Pinson.
253	Rose Hill.	499	Cleveland.
254	Quitman.	504	Midland City.
271	Pea River.	510	Wilsonville.

514	Cottonwood.	576	Cline.
544	H. Clay Armstrong.	582	Blue Springs.
548	Carmichael.	601	Brilliant.
567	Century.	634	Motley.
571	Proctor	651	Lamar.

List of Lodges Making no Report on the Proposition to Amend Section 21, Article 6, of the Constitution:

No. 198 Caledonia.

No. 628 Garden City.

Whereupon the M.: W.: Grand Master ordered the R.: W.: Grand Secretary to summon the Masters of the above named non-reporting Lodges to appear before the Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication, to give their reasons for failing to report on the proposed Amendment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W.: Brother Angus M. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the E. A. Degree, and the report was adopted.

W.: Brother Angus M. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the F. C. Degree, which was adopted, and the further report of this committee was made a special order for ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.: W.: Brother Russell M. Cunningham, from the special committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M.: W.: Grand Master, made the following report and the Grand Lodge adopted the report, and by a unanimous and rising vote passed

the resolution of thanks recommended by the committee.

TO THE M.: W.: GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the address of M.: W.: Grand Master Ben M. Jacobs, beg leave to report as follows:

We have read and considered with great pleasure and profit the able and eloquent address of our M.: W.: Grand Master, and most heartily commend it to the careful consideration of all the brethren.

We recommend that that portion of the address relating to the organization of new Lodges, the issuing of dispensations and the consolidation and renewal of Lodges be concurred in.

We recommend that the matter as to Autauga Lodge No. 31 be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances; that the decisions made by the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and that so much of the address as refers to salaries and appropriations be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend concurrence in the Grand Master's action relative to Muscadine Lodge No. 531.

We further recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, for such recommendations as it may see proper.

As to the recommendations of the Grand Master of a repeal of Edicts 318, 361, 362 and 363 of the Masonic Code of 1905, and the recommendation as to the qualifications of Masters, we recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

As to the Grand Master's recommendation that Section 1, of Article 3, of the Constitution relative to term of office of Grand Master, be amended, we suggest that it be not concurred in.

We recommend concurrence in recommendations four, five and eight.

We take pleasure in submitting to the Grand Lodge the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama are hereby extended to its M.: W.: Grand Master, Ben M. Jacobs, for his successful campaign for the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution, which insures the establishment of a Widows and Orphans Home in this State.

Fraternally submitted,

RUSSELL M. CUNNINGHAM,

JAMES A. BILBRO,

B. DUDLEY WILLIAMS,

Committee.

MATTHEWS HOME FUND.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Alabama:

Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, A.: F.: & A.: M.: with the approval of the R.: W.: Deputy and Acting Grand Master, sent out a circular letter to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction soliciting contributions for the purpose of purchasing a home for the family of our deceased Grand Master M.: W.: Brother Henry H. Matthews, all moneys received to be expended under the direction of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

As all remittances have been sent to the Grand Secretary, I give below a statement of amounts received at this writing, showing by whom sent and when received:

1906.	DR.
Nov. 15. Cash on hand (See 1906 Grand Lodge Proceedings) ..	\$1,091 53
27. Rec'd from Gurley No. 521.....	5 00
30. Locust Fork 481.....	1 50
Dec. 4. Mt. Hilliard 180.....	2 00

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12	Bozeman	534----	5 00
18	Ohatchee	380----	5 00
19	Beulah	455----	5 00
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an. 7	Fruitdale	621----	5 00
7	Irondale	506----	5 00
19	Woodlawn Fraternal	525----	5 00
ab. 25	H. C. Tompkins	545----	10 00
25	Macon	7----	5 00
ch. 11	Lehigh	625----	1 00
30	Dale	25----	5 00
ane 18	Gibson	453----	5 00
apt. 16	Lapine	201----	2 50
16	Van Buren	355----	5 00
17	Quitman	254----	5 00
18	Vernon	389----	2 50
17	Clio	566----	1 50
19	Erophotic	84----	2 00
20	Rutledge	357----	1 00
20	Lanett	656----	1 50
23	Eureka	64----	10 00
23	Bozeman	534----	5 00
23	Perryville	616----	4 10
24	Northern	278----	2 00
27	Webb	648----	2 00
28	Sayre	640----	10 00
30	Town Creek	361----	5 00
st. 3	Benton	59----	4 00
3	Wallace Haralson	558----	2 50
5	Davis	518----	1 00
5	W. T. Underwood	612----	5 00
5	Fellowship	172----	2 00
7	Walnut Grove	264----	5 00
7	Calera	445----	8 75
8	Cordova	559----	5 00
11	Eastaboga	155----	3 00
15	Bethany	468----	5 00

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15	E. H. Cook	381	50
16	Union	50	00
19	Coal City	556	00
21	Lindsey	668	00
26	Gilead	9	00
26	Excel	655	00
26	Leeds	446	00
28	Dolomite	452	00
29	Choctaw	107	00
31	DeSotoville	178	00
Nov. 1	Livingston	41	00
11	Ben M. Jacobs	643	00
14	Samsco	624	00
14	North Border	391	00
15	Helion	1	00
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			\$1,331 68

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June 28. By amount paid Mrs. Henry H.

Matthews - ----- \$1,091 53

Nov. 15. Cash on hand ----- 240 35 \$1,331 68

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

NOTICE TO WORSHIPFUL MASTERS WHO FAILED TO
 MAKE REPORT ON THE PROPOSITIONS TO AMEND
 SECTION 1, ARTICLE 3, AND SECTION 21, ARTICLE
 6, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The R.:W.: Grand Secretary made report in obedience to the order of the M.:W.: Grand Master, to summon the Masters of non-reporting Lodges on the Constitutional amendments submitted May 15th, 1906, to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication to give their reasons

for failing to report. On November 1st, 1907, the subjoined circular letter was mailed to the W.: Masters of the following non-reporting Lodges:

No. 75	Cokerville	-----	No. 416	Williamsburg
79	Fredonia	-----	419	Hilton
88	Meridian Sun	-----	446	Leeds
172	Fellowship	-----	473	Stanton
198	Caledonia	-----	583	Cedar Bend
386	Trinity	-----		

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1907.

*To the Worshipful Master of
----- Lodge No.-----
-----, Ala.*

Dear Sir & Brother:

Your Lodge having failed to report on the Propositions to amend Section 1, Article 3, and Section 21, Article 6, of the Constitution, submitted for adoption last year, (See Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1905, pages 85, 86, 97 and 98) thereby failing to comply with the following Edict of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

"In all cases where Lodges fail to report action upon proposed Amendments when properly sent to them, as required by the Constitution, the Masters of such Lodges SHALL be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication to give their reasons for failing to report their action or non-action on the proposed Amendments."

I am ordered by the M.: W.: Grand Master to summon you to appear before the Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication, to give your reasons for failing to report on the proposed Amendments.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

R.: W.: Brother George A. Beauchamp moved that a special committee be appointed to hear the excuses of the Masters of the various Lodges summoned, and report back to the Grand Lodge to-morrow morning, which motion was duly carried.

The Grand Master appointed the following as members of said Committee:

George A. Joiner, Samuel E. Cowin,
B. H. Whittington.

TELEGRAM OF GREETING.

The Grand Secretary read the following telegram from Howard Lodge No. 69, of Mobile, Ala., and on motion it was ordered printed in the proceedings:

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 3, 1907.

To the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala.

Howard Ledge sends fraternal greetings.

C. F. GERAUD

SECRETARY

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M.: W.: Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN GRAND LODGE,

WEDNESDAY, MORNING, DECEMBER 4TH, 1907.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock, M.: W.: Grand Master Ben M. Jacobs, presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of Tuesday evening were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF FIVE ON THAT PORTION OF THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MASONIC HOME.

R.: W.: Brother Daniel A. Greene, from the above named committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the Masonic Home, beg leave to submit the following report:

(1) We recommend that a committee of fifteen be at once appointed by the present and incoming Grand Master, and to be composed of Brother Ben M. Jacobs, as Chairman, one to be selected from each Masonic district, and four from the State at large. The Grand Master shall also be a member of said Committee in addition to above members.

(2) Said Committee shall have authority and it shall be its duty:

(a) To solicit, receive and receipt for subscriptions and donations for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans Home.

(b) To call for and receive any offers or bids for sites for the location of such home; to investigate same, and report to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and make such recommendations in reference thereto, as they may deem advisable.

(c) To formulate and present to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge such plans and recommendations for the establishment, erection, maintenance and government of the Home as they may deem proper.

(d) Such Committee shall have the right and power to make such rules and regulations for its own government as it may deem proper for the prompt and efficient dispatch of the business.

(3) That the recommendations of the Grand Master as to when the Home shall be begun, be referred to the Committee of fifteen (15) herein provided for, and that such committee report on same to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

(4) We recommend the adoption of that part of the Grand Master's Address that \$5,000.00 of the surplus remaining in the General Fund when the same shall become available, and also that thereafter three-fourths of the surplus remaining at the end of each Masonic year be transferred to the Widows and Orphans Fund for the surplus therein named, such transfers to be made when directed by the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge. We also recommend that the Permanent Trust Fund be constituted in the manner and set apart for the purposes named in the Grand Master's Address.

(5) That the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby placed in charge of and shall have the management and investment of all funds devoted to and intended for the benefit of the Masonic Home.

(6) That the sum of five hundred dollars out of the General Fund is hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses of the Committee.

DANIEL A. GREENE,
JAMES T. GREENE,
JACOB D. BLOCH,
H. G. EARNEST,
HINDS PEEVY,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

W.: Brother Lew Lazarus, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following reports which were severally adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Alabama:
 Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the R.: W.: Grand Secretary, George A. Beauchamp, and of R.: W.: Grand Treasurer, William H. Dingley, and find the same correct and neatly kept, also the funds of this Grand Lodge in their hands, and from such examination we find that the R.: W.: Grand Secretary has received and is properly chargeable with the following amounts, viz.:

GENERAL FUND.

Grand Lodge dues collected since last report	\$ 8,859 00
Certificates issued since last report	34 50
Rents collected since last report	600 00 \$ 9,493 50

PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

Dispensations issued since last re- port	\$ 644 00
Charters issued since last report	700 00
Manuals sold since last report	838 75 \$ 2,182 75

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Collections since last report	\$ 1,251 55
Total receipts	\$ 12,927 81

All of which has been paid to the R.: W.: Grand Treasurer, as is shown by proper vouchers.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary has received and is chargeable with the following amount as Contingent Fund:

Amount received from Grand Treasurer-----\$ 1,600 00

Out of which he has paid the following sums
as per bills and vouchers:

Printing and Stationery -----	\$ 880 72
Sundries -- -----	104 60
Light -- -----	177 40
Postage, Freight and Express -----	471 14
Janitor -- -----	318 75
Repairs -- -----	15 25
P. O. Box Rent -----	11 00
Water -- -----	13 00
Coal -- -----	9 25
Telephone and Telegrams -----	28 65 \$ 2,029 76

Leaving a balance due the Grand Secretary of-\$ 429 76

Your Committee further find that the R.: W.: Grand Treasurer had on hand at our last Annual Communication (General Fund) -- -----\$ 7,832 25

Since that time he has receipted to

the R.: W.: Grand Secretary for 9,493 50 \$ 17,325 75

Paid out on proper vouchers, (Gen. Fund.)----- 7,459 38

Balance on hand, (General Fund)-----\$ 9,866 37

To which add estimated dues to be

collected -- -----	\$ 1,800 00
Charter Fees (Estimated) -----	560 00
Dispensations (Estimated) -----	560 00
Fees for Certificates (Estimated) -----	50 00
Sale of Manuals (Estimated) -----	500 00
Rents to be collected (Estimated) ---	600 00 \$ 4,070 00

Making an estimated total of-----\$ 13,936 37

Of this amount your Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated to defray the expenses of the current year, viz:

For salary of Grand Secretary, to be paid monthly	\$ 2,000 00
Clerical assistance to Grand Secty	600 00
Grand Treasurer, to be paid quart'ly	200 00
Grand Lecturer	300 00
Grand Chaplain	25 00
Grand Tyler (this Communication)	20 00
Grand Registrar, to be paid quart'ly	400 00
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to be paid quarterly	200 00
Chairman Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals	50 00
Actual expenses of Committees on Work and Finance	200 00
Grand Secretary, for amount paid out in excess of Contingent Fund	429 76
Contingent Fund for current year	1,800 00
Expenses of Grand Master	250 00
Washing and repairing aprons	14 42
Porter for Grand Tyler	4 00
Library	400 00
Tyler for Committee on Work this Communication	10 00
Actual expenses Committees on By-Laws and Dispensations	150 00
Actual expenses Committee on Propositions and Grievances	75 00
Actual expenses Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence	75 00
One hundred chairs for Grand Lodge Hall	100 00 \$ 7,303 18

Leaving an approximate balance at the end of
 year of ----- \$ 6,633 19

Your Committee have also examined
 the report of the Trustees of the Perma-
 nent Trust Fund and find that at the
 date of last report they had on hand a
 balance of ----- \$ 1,473 71

Received from Grand Sec'ty since--- 2,182 75 \$ 3,656 46

Out of which Bonds numbers 23, 24, 25,
 26, 28, 29 and 30 have been pur-
 chased, canceled and burned----- \$ 3,500 00

Leaving a balance to the credit of this Fund of----\$ 156 46

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Balance on hand at last report-----\$ 249 97

The Grand Secretary has since col-
 lected and paid to the Grand
 Treasurer .. ----- 1,251 56 \$ 1,501 53

Out of which Bond number 27 has
 been purchased -----\$ 500 00

Leaving a balance to the credit of this Fund of----\$ 1,001 53

Your Committee take great pleasure in reporting that the
 bonded indebtedness of our Masonic Temple has been paid in
 full, and that all the bonds and coupons have been burned and
 the mortgage taken up.

Your Committee further recommend that an appropriation
 of one hundred dollars be and is hereby made for the special
 purposes and uses of your Committee on Foreign Correspond-
 ence.

Your Committee respectfully reports that while the Bonds
 to the extent of \$15,000.00 issued by this Grand Lodge on the
 2nd day of January, 1899, have all been paid, taken up and

burned, that the mortgage made to William Berney as Trustee, to secure said bonds, has not been satisfied on the records in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County, Alabama, by reason of the fact that said William Berney died prior to the payment of said bonds.

Your Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence with instruction to take such action as is necessary to have said mortgage cancelled on the records in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County.

Fraternally submitted,
LEW LAZARUS,
ROBERT S. TEAGUE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 1.

W.: Brother Jacob D. Bloch, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations No. 1, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books of Newbern Lodge No. 102, Newbern, Hale County; Angus M. Scott Lodge No. 641, Ed-
wardsville, Cleburne County; Nix Lodge No. 647, Milner, Ran-
dolph County; Arab Lodge No. 663, Arab, Marshall County;
Paint Rock Lodge No. 665, Paint Rock, Jackson County; H. G.
Earnest Lodge No. 672, Hopewell, Cleburne County; and Lev-
erett Lodge No. 678, Fairview, Coffee County.

We recommend that Charters be granted to the following Lodges:

Newbern No. 102, Angus M. Scott No. 641, Nix Lodge No. 647, Arab Lodge No. 663, and H. G. Earnest Lodge No. 672.

We further recommend that the dispensations of Paint

Rock Lodge No. 665, and Leverett Lodge No. 678 be continued until the next Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

JACOB D. BLOCH.

FREEMAN S. JENKINS.

Committee.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Brother Roger S. Mackintosh, the election of officers was made the first thing on the order of business after the reconvening of the Grand Lodge this afternoon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W.: Brother Angus M. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the M. M. Degree and the report was adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Brother Hinds Peevey offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

"Resolved, That the press of Alabama be thanked for its generous support of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home movement, and the wide publicity which it gave to the literature of the Campaign Committee, and that the Chairman of the Campaign Committee mail a copy of this resolution to every paper within the knowledge of the Committee that aided this great movement."

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M.: W.: Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

IN GRAND LODGE.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 4th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:00 o'clock, the M.: W.: Grand Master Ben M. Jacobs presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers with result as follows:

HUGH S. D. MALLORY-----	Grand Master.
LAWRENCE H. LEE-----	Deputy Grand Master.
DANIEL A. GREENE-----	Senior Grand Warden.
HENRY CLANTON MILLER-----	Junior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY-----	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP-----	Grand Secretary.
CHARLES J. WALKER-----	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master-elect subsequently announced the following appointments:

WILLIAM C. BLEDSOE-----	Grand Chaplain.
DAVID W. McIVER-----	Grand Marshal.
JOSEPH H. EDWARDS-----	Senior Grand Deacon.
THOMAS G. BUSH, JR.-----	Junior Grand Deacon.
ELLIOTT G. RICKARDY-----	Senior Grand Steward.
JAMES ALEXANDER MOORE-----	Junior Grand Steward.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS
AND APPEALS.

W.: Brother James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following reports and they were severally adopted:

APPEAL OF BROTHER WILLIAM A. WILKIE FROM ACTION OF STOUTS LODGE NO. 666.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Brother William A. Wilkie was tried and found guilty in Stouts Lodge No. 666 of un-masonic conduct and suspended for fifteen years under a specification that he killed one W. S. Shauer.

The evidence shows that at about 7 o'clock on the evening of the 12th day of August, 1907, at Stouts Mountain brother Wilkie shot and killed Mr. Shauer; that when brother Wilkie appeared on the scene Shauer was cursing Wilkie's brother, who was a young lad and Shauer had a brick-bat in his right hand and two rocks in his left; brother Wilkie told Shauer not to strike his brother; whereupon Shauer cursed brother Wilkie and advanced towards him and brother Wilkie shot him; it, also, appears from the evidence that brother Wilkie was a Justice of the Peace, and there is no evidence that he made any effort to prevent a breach of the peace; that he was carrying a pistol because of threats that Shauer had made against him, and that he had been tried in the circuit court of Cullman county on a charge of murder or manslaughter and acquitted.

He appeals from a unanimous vote of his Lodge fixing his suspension at 15 years.

Your committee recommends that the action of Stouts Lodge No. 666 be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION FOR THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF J. E. BRADFORD FORMERLY OF BEN SIMS LODGE NO. 461.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

At the Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1902 (See Proceedings, page 92) J. E. Bradford was expelled on appeal taken by a member of Ben Sims Lodge No. 461 for un-masonic conduct.

Application for his re-instatement by Ben Sims Lodge was made at the Grand Communication in 1906, but no evidence was filed in the matter and after a conference with this committee the application was withdrawn. At the suggestion of the chairman of this committee the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed a special committee consisting of three Worshipful Masters of other subordinate lodges to investigate the matter, hear such evidence as they saw fit and report with such recommendation as was thought proper.

The report of said committee which is hereto attached has been referred to us.

Your committee recommend that the report of said special committee with the recommendation therein contained be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

March 9th, 1907.

Mr. Ben M. Jacobs.

M. W. Grand Master A. F. & A. M. of Ala.,

Birmingham, Ala.

We, your committee appointed for the purpose of appearing before Ben Sims Lodge No. 461 to hear the testimony, introduced in a former trial, of J. E. Bradford by Ben Sims Lodge, also to hear such new testimony as might be offered, and to report to you the result of such finding, with such recommendations, as we might deem worthy, in the interest of masonry. respectfully report.

That on the 9th day of March 1907, we met with Ben Sims Lodge, on its regular communication, and heard the evidence

that was introduced at former trial of J. E. Bradford, there being no new evidence, further than the said J. E. Bradford's character since the trial has been good.

We find with the exception of two members, that the Lodge is not only willing, but very anxious that he be restored, to all the rights and privileges of masonry.

We find that the Secretary of said Lodge, who took the appeal in this case to the Grand Lodge, is now anxious that he be restored.

We the Committee after considering carefully, all the evidence offered, and the lewdness of the woman with whom he was charged of having sexual intercourse, and his youthfulness at the time of the charge, and the very short time after he had been raised, together with his good character, and the length of time he has been punished, would recommend that J. E. Bradford be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. McCLENDON,

W. O. M. FRANKLIN,

ELIJAH M. COWDEN,

Committee.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER JOHN A. MAY, FORMERLY OF EAST BEND
LODGE NO. 517, FOR CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

East Bend Lodge No. 517 made its last return to the Grand Lodge in 1905 and surrendered its charter at that time, when a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge to grant all members in good standing certificates without cost.

Brother May was a member of that Lodge, and a minister of the Gospel in charge of one or more churches, from whom no dues were required. Brother May's name was on the returns up to and including the year 1899, but afterwards dropped and no reason given. Brother May is still a minister actively engaged in the discharge of his duties and applies for a certificate in the nature of a dimitt.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Secretary issue to brother John A. May a certificate without cost.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER STEPHEN E. BRADLEY, FORMERLY OF
LUVERNE LODGE NO. 488, FOR CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Luverne Lodge No. 488 made its last returns to the Grand Lodge in 1902 and forfeited its charter in 1904, brother Bradley was a member of this Lodge and appeared on the roll for 1901, but his name was dropped in 1902 and no reason given. He now applies to the Grand Lodge for a certificate in the nature of a dimit, so that he may affiliate with another Lodge.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars a certificate be issued to brother Stephen E. Bradley.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPEAL OF BROTHER J. C. FRANCIS, JAS. H. LESLIE AND JOHN A. PENTON FROM THE ACTION OF HILLABEE LODGE NO. 197 IN THE CASE OF BROTHER W. H. MOON, ON THE GROUND THAT THE PUNISHMENT ASSESSED WAS INADEQUATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Brother W. H. Moon was tried at a special communication of Hillabee Lodge No. 197 on charges of un-masonic conduct, set out in five specifications, in which it is charged that brother Moon on different occasions attacked the good name of brother Jas. H. Leslie for truth and veracity, and in one of the specifications reference is made to a newspaper article, which was not sent up with the transcript and no reference to its contents appears in the evidence.

A vote on the specifications was taken as a whole, which was irregular, though done without objection, but, so far as this appeal is concerned, that fact makes no difference.

Brother Moon was found guilty and the punishment fixed at reprimand by the Worshipful Master, and from the punishment fixed these brothers appeal.

It appears from the evidence that brother Moon had stated on the several occasions mentioned, that brother James H. Leslie had circulated a report or rumor that brother Moon had fallen out with his son-in-law and forbidden him his house because he had had his baby sprinkled, and brother Moon had said that the report was false.

It nowhere appears that brother Moon charged brother Leslie with originating the report, but merely circulating it during a campaign in 1906, when it is presumed that brother Moon was a candidate for some office, though such fact does not appear from the evidence.

Brother Leslie in a written, signed statement offered in evidence on the trial, admitted that he had told that such was the rumor, but that he did not know it to be true.

Your committee fail to find any evidence on which to base a conviction under the specifications, unless there was something in the newspaper article which was not sent up as before stated, but there is no appeal by brother Moon.

Your committee therefore recommend that the action of Hillabee Lodge No. 197 be affirmed and that the Grand Secretary notify the secretary of Hillabee Lodge of the action taken by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER WILLIAM LAFAYETTE HARRISON, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF MOSCOW LODGE NO. 206, FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.
Brother William LaFayette Harrison was formerly a mem-

ber of Moscow Lodge No. 206 and was suspended n. p. d., several years ago, and afterwards the Lodge surrendered its charter.

Brother Harrison applies for a certificate in the nature of a dimitt and for re-instatement.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Secretary, on the payment of the sum of \$4.00, issue the proper certificate and that brother William LaFayette Harrison be re-instated and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

**APPEAL FROM THE ACTION OF MT. UNION LODGE NO. 541 IN THE
CASE OF BROTHER DAVID J. FORSHEE.**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Brother David J. Forshee of Mt. Union Lodge No. 541 was tried under specifications charging him with un-masonic conduct in swearing before his sister. He plead guilty to the charge, expressed his sorrow and asked the mercy of the Lodge.

The Lodge voted a reprimand and certain of the brethren appeal.

Your committee has considered the evidence carefully and recommend that the appeal be not sustained and that the action of Mt. Union Lodge No. 541 be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

**APPEAL OF BROTHER JOHN H. JOHNSON FROM THE ACTION OF
SAMSON LODGE NO. 624.**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.:

Brother John H. Johnson was tried and convicted in Samson

Lodge No. 624 under charges of un-masonic conduct with two specifications, the first of which was withdrawn, the other substantially charged him of being out in public with a woman of questionable character, and the Lodge fixed the punishment at indefinite suspension.

The evidence of a number of witnesses tends to prove the charges, and without setting out the evidence, a part of which should not be printed, your committee recommend that the action of Samson Lodge No. 624 be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPEAL OF BROTHER T. H. GRIFFIN FROM THE ACTION OF HELENA
LODGE NO. 410.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

On the trial of the above matter the objection was made that a majority of the whole Lodge was not present and the punishment was fixed at suspension.

Rule 12 requires that a majority of the whole membership must be present at the trial when the punishment is fixed at suspension or expulsion.

Your committee therefore recommend that the case be reversed and remanded to Helena Lodge No. 410 for a new trial.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER O. P. CONANT, FORMERLY OF EAST BEND
LODGE NO. 517, FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

East Bend Lodge No. 517 surrendered its charter in 1905, brother Conant was suspended for n. p. d. in 1899, the annual

dues were \$1.50 and at the time of the surrender of the charter brother Conant owed \$12.00 dues. He now makes application for re-instatement and certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of \$5.00 brother O. P. Conant be re-instated and that a certificate be issued to him.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER WILLIAM M. HARDWICK, FORMERLY OF
JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 51, FOR RE-INSTATEMENT
FOR CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Jefferson Lodge No. 51 forfeited its charter in the year 1884, brother Hardwick affiliated with this Lodge in 1859 and was dropped from the roll in 1866 and no reason given, the annual dues were \$1.00. He now applies for re-instatement and certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of eight dollars brother William M. Hardwick be re-instated and that proper certificate be issued to him.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER PHILLIP SHULHOFER, FORMERLY OF PER-
RYVILLE LODGE NO. 117, FOR CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Perryville Lodge No. 117 made its last report in 1882 and forfeited its charter in 1884; brother Shulhofer was reported in good standing in 1879, and in the return for 1880 his name was dropped and no reason given, and the returns show non di-

mitted; the committee have evidence that a dimit was granted by the Lodge to brother Shulhofer, but the same has been lost, and that the records of the Lodge have been destroyed. Brother Shulhofer now applies for a certificate in the nature of a dimit, so that he may affiliate with another Lodge.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Secretary issue to brother Phillip Shulhofer a certificate without cost.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER CHARLES F. ELLIOTT, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF HARPERSVILLE LODGE NO. 235, FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Brother Charles F. Elliott was made a mason in Harpersville Lodge No. 235 June 20, 1856, and was suspended for n. p. d. June 1, 1867; Harpersville Lodge forfeited its charter in 1891, and it being restored, forfeited it again in 1893; it appears that brother Elliott is a first-class citizen, a Confederate Veteran about 80 years of age, of limited means and is anxious to be re-instated so that he may affiliate with another Lodge.

Your committee recommend that brother Charles F. Elliott be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry and that the Grand Secretary issue to him, without charge, a certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER SAMUEL W. GRISSOM, FORMERLY OF HILLSBORO LODGE NO. 408, FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Hillsboro Lodge No. 408 forfeited its charter in 1901, and

brother Grissom, who was a member of said Lodge was suspended for non-payment of dues May 23, 1891, owing \$4.00 at the time of suspension, the dues being \$2.00 per annum and \$24.00 up to the time of forfeiture.

He makes application for re-instatement and certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of \$5.00 brother Samuel W. Grissom be re-instated and that proper certificate be issued to him.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER B. F. SEAY, JR., OF EBENEZER LODGE NUMBER 210, FOR CERTIFICATE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Ebenezer Lodge number 210 forfeited its charter in 1902, the last return made to the Grand Lodge was made in 1900, and at that time brother B. F. Seay, Jr., was returned as a fellow craft.

However, your committee has before it a certificate signed by the then Worshipful Master of the Lodge and another member saying they were present when brother Seay was raised, and he now makes application for a certificate in the nature of a dimit, so that he may affiliate with another Lodge.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of \$1.00 a certificate be issued to brother Seay.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER JOHN A. MAY, FORMERLY OF EAST BEND
LODGE NO. 517, FOR CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE
OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Brother Jno. A. May was formerly a member of East Bend Lodge No. 517 and in 1899 his name was dropped from the roll and no reason given, the Lodge surrendered its charter in 1905.

It appears that brother May is a minister of the Gospel which may account for his name being dropped.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Secretary issue to brother John A. May, without charge, a certificate in the nature of a dimit.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals

APPLICATION OF BROTHER CARL W. MCMAHON, FORMERLY OF PIED-
MONT FRATERNAL NO. 368, FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATE IN THE NATURE OF A DIMIT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M.

Brother Carl W. McMahon, formerly of Piedmont Fraternal No. 368, was suspended for n. p. d. in June, 1894. Said Lodge forfeited its charter in 1902, the Lodge dues were \$1.50 and brother McMahon owed \$12.00 at the time of the forfeiture of the charter, and he now makes application for re-instatement and certificate.

Your committee recommend that on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the sum of \$5.00 brother Carl W. McMahon be reinstated and that proper certificate issue.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

**APPEAL OF BROTHER JOHN BARFIELD FROM THE ACTION OF WEBB
LODGE NO. 648, IN THE CASE OF BROTHER B. H. WHITTEN.**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, A. F. & A. M

Brother B. H. Whitten was tried in Webb Lodge No. 648 on charges and specifications of having illicit sexual intercourse with the wife of brother John Barfield and the Lodge voted to acquit the defendant and brother Barfield appeals.

The papers have been submitted to your committee since the meeting of this Grand Lodge and your committee have not the time to set out the evidence in the case.

After a careful consideration of the evidence your committee are of the opinion that the action of the Webb Lodge was proper and we therefore recommend that the appeal be not sustained and that the action of Webb Lodge be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

RESOLUTION TO RESTORE CHARTER OF MUSCADINE LODGE NO. 531.

Whereas, The M.: W.: Grand Master arrested the charter of Muscadine Lodge No. 531, and whereas said arrest operates as a suspension, and whereas the M.: W.: Grand Lodge has concurred in the action of the M.: W.: Grand Master and the reasons assigned, for said action; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the temporary suspension of said Lodge is adequate punishment, and that its charter is hereby restored.

Your committee to whom was referred the foregoing resolution, offered by M.: W.: Brother Russell M. Cunningham, report favorably thereon and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.
Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 2.

W.: Brother Robert F. Lovelady, from the Committee on Dispensations No. 2, made the following report, and it was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee to whom was referred the record books of various Lodges working under dispensation, after carefully examining same, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that Charters be granted to the following

Lodges:

Webb No. 648,	Arkadelphia No. 650,
Celestia No. 653,	Excel No. 655,
Whiton No. 658,	Pythagoras No. 659,
Frankville No. 661,	Stouts No. 666,
Mizpah No. 667,	Lindsey No. 668,
Acacia No. 670,	Joe Wheeler No. 671,
Goshen No. 674,	Dozier No. 676,
Ashlar No. 677,	

We further recommend that the following Lodges be continued under dispensation until the next Annual Communication:

Ranburne No. 652,	Pearces Mills No. 609,
Sylvania No. 673,	Loango No. 675,
Austinville No. 679.	

In the case of Northport Lodge, recently reorganized, we recommend that said Lodge be allowed to retain its former number (252) and that its charter be restored without cost.

We note a decided improvement in the records that have been submitted to us this year, and we trust that the Secretaries and Masters will continue to look carefully after these duties to the end that their books may be neat and accurate, and the

minutes properly signed at the Communication in which they are approved. All of which is,

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT F. LOVELADY,
RICHARD D. WINDHAM,
WALKER S. SCOTT,
Committee.

LODGES FAILING TO REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

R. : W. : Brother George A. Joiner, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of Lodges failing to report on the proposed Constitutional Amendments, reported as follows, and the report was adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.: F.: & A.: M.: of the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee appointed to pass on the excuses of the Masters of Subordinate Lodges who failed to send in returns on the proposed amendment to Section 1, Article 3, and Section 21, Article 6, of the Constitution, submitted in 1906, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that eleven (11) Lodges failed to report on the amendment to Section 1, Article 3, and ten (10) failed to report on the amendment to Section 21, Article 6. One of said Lodges, Meridian Sun No. 88, has forfeited its Charter: hence no returns.

Fredonia Lodge No. 79, Fellowship No. 172, Caledonia No. 198, Trinity No. 386, Williamsburg No. 416, Hilton No. 419, Leeds No. 446, Stanton No. 473 and Cedar Bend No. 583, appeared before the Committee in the person of the Masters or Representatives, and assigned reasons for the failure to report; which reasons your Committee deemed valid and satisfactory. We, therefore, recommend that no further action be taken in the premises.

It is a noticeable fact that almost every case of delinquency

was due to negligence on the part of Secretaries, in either not bringing the amendments before their Lodges, or failing to report the vote when taken. We would, therefore, most earnestly renew former recommendations that the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges be instructed to be more diligent and painstaking in the discharge of their duty.

Fraternally submitted,

GEOEGE A. JOINER,

SAMUEL E. COWIN,

B. H. WHITTINGTON,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

M.: W.: Brother George P. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following reports, which were severally adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of Most Worshipful Grand Master Jacobs, rendered during the year 1907, beg leave to report that we concur with the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his rulings numbered 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 21.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,

Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to which was referred the decisions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Jacobs rendered during the year 1907, beg leave to report that we concur in his ruling numbered 2. which reads as follows:

"Amendments or additions to the By-Laws of chartered Lodges need not be approved by the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master before becoming effective."

But for fear of possible misapprehension of this ruling on the part of some, we call attention to the fact that the By-Laws must be consistent with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the ancient landmarks of the order.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of Most Worshipful Grand Master Jacobs, rendered during the year 1907, beg leave to report that we concur in decisions numbered 18 and 19, which are as follows:

"18. A subordinate Lodge as such, cannot appear in a funeral parade with any fraternity or society, except it be with the express purpose of performing or assisting in the performance of masonic funeral ceremonies. That the body of the deceased brother before final disposition of the same, is placed in charge of the subordinate Lodge. And that they retain full control of it until the body is interred, and the Lodge services is the last ceremony performed at the grave. If any other services are intended to follow those of the Lodge, then the masonic Lodge cannot perform their ceremonies."

"19. The active pall bearers at a masonic funeral must be masons, and can wear only masonic regalia. Neither can one wearing masonic regalia assist any other society or fraternity at a funeral ceremony."

In approving the above rulings, we do so, mindful of Edict No. 592, in the Manual of 1905, which provides among other things that where other societies take part in the funeral ceremonies, "the order in which the ceremonies are to be performed and what pall bearers are to have charge of the body,

are matters of courteous arrangement." The effect of the approval of the rulings of the Grand Master, numbered 18 and 19, will be to modify Edict No. 592, to the extent of striking out the above mentioned quotation, and this we recommend.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of Most Worshipful Grand Master Jacobs, rendered during the year 1907, beg leave to report that we disagree with decision numbered 20, of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, which reads as follows:

"A subordinate Lodge has the authority to instruct its representatives as to its preference for any measure to be presented before the Grand Lodge for consideration or ballot."

The representatives in the Grand Lodge of a subordinate Lodge are *ex-officio* such, and are not elected by the subordinate Lodge solely or simply to represent the subordinate Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and, therefore, we are of the opinion that the subordinate Lodge has no right to instruct its representatives on any measure that may be presented before the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution offered by W.: Brother Samuel W. Tate:

"Whereas, Ohatchie Lodge No. 380 A.: F.: & A.: M.: located at Ohatchie, Alabama, has recently been removed from near Peeks Hill, Alabama, to Ohatchie, Alabama, and

"Whereas, said Lodge has gone to considerable expense to erect a new Lodge hall, and does not need the old hall for Lodge purposes, but does need the proceeds of the sale thereof to help pay for the new hall, therefore, be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, that said Ohatchie Lodge be and the same is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of its said old hall, and the lot on which the same is located," beg leave to report favorably on same with the recommendation that the character of the conveyance be a quit claim deed.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution:

"Resolved: That the Grand Master, at least ten days previous to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, shall furnish to each member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, a copy of his decisions made during the Masonic year,"

beg leave to report favorably on same.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution offered by R.: W.: Brother, Daniel A. Greene.

"Resolved: That Edicts No. 266, 267, 268 and 269, of the Code of 1905, be and the same are hereby repealed,"
beg leave to recommend that further consideration of this resolution be postponed until the next Annual Communication,

pending which we suggest that a compliance with Edict No. 248 will remedy the evil aimed at.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,

Chairman.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution, offered by Brother Hinds Peevey,

"Whereas, Brother William H. Terry, of Daleville, Ala., and other Masonic brethren of the same place are desirous of forming a subordinate Lodge at that place, and

"Whereas, Some years since there was in active work at said place a subordinate Lodge of this Grand Lodge known as 'Daleville Lodge No. 144' which owned property which escheated to this Grand Lodge when said Lodge became defunct; and

"Whereas, said brethren at Daleville, Ala., are now anxious to use said property for Lodge purposes:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved: That Brother William H. Terry, of Daleville, Ala., and such other brethren as may be interested in the establishment of a new Lodge at Daleville, Ala., be allowed the privilege of the use of the property of Daleville Lodge No. 144, while working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and when a Charter shall have been granted to them as a subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, that then said property shall become the property of said Lodge."

beg leave to report favorably on same.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,

Chairman.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution,

"Be it resolved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, that the following questions be propounded to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, for a ruling upon each of the following questions:

"First: What relation does a subordinate Lodge hold with one of its members, who has been expelled as a sojourner by another Lodge; in other words, does the member stand as expelled in his own Lodge without any action on its part? If action is required, what?

"Second: Has a Master Mason the right and is it his province to try or examine another and vouch for him on his own responsibility and discretion?

"Third: What is strict trial? What is due examination? If there be a distinction, define it,"
beg leave to answer as follows:

(1) The Lodge which has Jurisdiction, tries sojourner, and if expelled notifies Lodge of his membership.

(2) If the avouchment is for admission to Lodge, NO; if for many other purposes, YES. We don't know which he means.

(3) Attend all Masonic Conferences, and he will learn of some of the differences.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution,

Whereas, a citizen of Alabama near Wetumpka, received in the State of Georgia, while a citizen of said State, the Entered Apprentice degree, and has not been advanced beyond said degree; and the records of the Lodge to which he belonged in the State of Georgia were many years since consumed by fire, and there is now no record evidence of his ever having received said degree, and that said Lodge has long since been defunct.

"*It is resolved*, that the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, be requested to furnish to the Grand Lodge, the procedure whereby this E. A. Mason may receive the degrees in some subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction," beg leave to answer as follows:

This brother can be advanced in Masonry in Alabama, provided he furnish satisfactory proof to the subordinate Lodge of his choice from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and under its seal, proof of the facts as averred in this resolution, and if the Grand Lodge of Georgia cannot furnish the proof of the facts as averred herein, then upon such other proof as may be satisfactory to said Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

M.: W.: Brother, George P. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, and on motion the report was recommitted to the Committee.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its
Masonic Jurisdiction:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution offered by R.: W.: Brother, Daniel A. Greene.

"*Be it resolved*, that whenever a trial is pending in a subordinate Lodge and such Lodge after due effort, is unable to secure the attendance of a majority of its membership as directed in Rule 12, Article VII, of the Constitution, the Grand Master may, on the application of the Worshipful Master and a proper showing, giving good and sufficient reasons therefor, issue a dispensation authorizing such Lodge to conduct such trial with a less number than directed in the said Rule

12. In such case the Grand Master, should prescribe the minimum number, which may be present at such trial," beg leave to report adversely on the same, as it violates the provision of amending the Constitution prescribed in Article VIII thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Most Worshipful Brother George P. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following resolution,

"Whereas, Brother Boykin S. Adams, and others, members of Hacoda Lodge No. 631, while residents of Alabama, received the degrees in Florida Lodges, which renders them 'irregularly made Masons,' and whereas such irregularity was brought about by provisions of the Florida law, and the ignorance of these brethren as to the Alabama law on this subject.

"Now therefore, be it resolved, that the irregularity in the conferring the degrees on Brother Boykin S. Adams, and the other brethren, who are now members of Hacoda Lodge, be and the same is hereby 'healed' without any penalty, and said brethren are hereby declared regularly made Masons.

"Be it further resolved: That any other brethren who may have been made Masons under similar conditions, may, on application to him, be 'healed' by the Grand Master without any, or under such penalties or conditions as he may deem proper in each particular case."

beg leave to report unfavorably thereon, because there is no evidence that Brother Adams innocently violated the Alabama

law, and because the other brethren sought to be 'healed' are not named in the resolution, and no evidence as to their innocence.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. HARRISON,
Chairman.

Following the report of the Committee, the resolution named below was offered by R. : W.: Brother Daniel A. Greene, and the said resolution was adopted.

"Resolved: That the resolution of Brother Daniel A. Greene, on the status of members of Hacoda Lodge, together with the report of the Jurisprudence Committee thereon be referred to the Grand Master with power to act."

**PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 1, ARTICLE 3, OF
THE CONSTITUTION.**

Brother Hinds Peevey offered the following resolution to amend Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution, and on motion said resolution was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and said Committee reporting favorably thereon, the question was submitted to the Grand Lodge, and more than one-third of the members present voting in the affirmative, the matter was submitted to the subordinate Lodges for approval or rejection as required by Article VIII of the Constitution:

Be it Resolved. That Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "one year" and substituting therefor the words "two years," making said Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution read as follows:

"No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, who has not been duly elected, installed and presided over a Subordinate Lodge.

None except such as are at the time of their election or appointment members of some Lodge, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge, and no one shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master more than "two years" in any period of six years."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

W.: Brother John B. Bethea, of the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on By-Laws, beg leave to report that they have examined the By-Laws of the following Lodges, which have been found correct, or have been amended by the Lodges to meet the suggestions of this Committee, to-wit:—

Stouts Lodge No. 666,	Mizpah Lodge No. 667,
Ashlar Lodge No. 677.	Excel Lodge No. 665,
Acacia Lodge No. 670,	Goshen Lodge No. 674,
Adamsville Lodge No. 603,	Newbern Lodge No. 102,
Paint Rock Lodge No. 665,	Lindsey Lodge No. 668,
Union Lodge No. 50,	Robert J. Redden Lodge No. 623.
Dozier Lodge No. 676,	

Also they have examined the By-Laws of the following Lodges, which they find to be correct, except as to the sections named in this report, all Edicts referred to being according to the Code of 1905, to-wit:

Auburn Lodge, No. 76: Section 17 conflicts with Edicts No. 383 to 387 of the Code.

Pearces Mills Lodge No. 669: Article VI, Section 5, regarding the acceptance of a petition of certain undesirable persons should be stricken out. As if a brother is willing to recommend an applicant, the Lodge is able to amply protect itself at the ballot box and in no other way should the Lodge pre-judge the qualifications of an applicant.

Sylvania Lodge No. 673: Article XVII, provides definite punishment for certain offenses and is in conflict with Edict No. 58.

Loango Lodge No. 675; Article VI, Section II, conflicts with Edict No. 58.

Austinville Lodge No. 672: Chapter I, Article I. It is suggested that the wording of Article VI, Section 16, of the Constitution be used as better expressing the idea intended to be conveyed. Chapter II, Article 7, is misleading and should be changed to conform to Edicts No. 371 to 378 inclusive.

Chapter II, Article 2, says that a vote by ballot may be reconsidered and is in conflict with Edict No. 309.

Your Committee beg to report that they have corresponded with each of the Lodges named above, setting out in detail their objections to the items above complained of with references to the Code for their guidance in making the corrections necessary.

The By-Laws of six Lodges, to-wit: Nos. 663, 672, 682, 443, 641 and 661, have not been reported on, but are held for further examination, owing to their extreme length and vast scope of subject matter involved, and same will be reported on at a later date.

Owing to the fact that the By-laws of many of the old Lodges are obsolete and in many cases contain laws and rules entirely at variance with Masonic custom, your Committee would recommend that as early as practicable in the future, the Committee on By-laws be instructed to revise and pass on any of the by-laws older than ten years of all the Lodges belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction. The method and time of so doing to be at the discretion of the said Committee and all of said By-laws at variance with Masonic custom and law, to be ordered stricken out, the same as when passing on a new set of by-laws.

Your Committee would further recommend that the Committee on By-laws be instructed to draw up a set of by-laws to be used as a guide for every Lodge in the State in the prepa-

ration of new By-laws, thereby enabling them to have their by-laws conform with each other as nearly as practicable.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH, Ch'm,

JOHN B. BERTHEA,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

JACOB BLEY,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND
GRIEVANCES.

W.: Brother John B. Christian, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following reports, which were severally adopted:

PETITIONS FOR DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the following petitions for new charters without cost, their charters having been destroyed by fire, to-wit:

Salem Lodge No. 99.

Sam Dixon Lodge No. 218.

James Penn Lodge No. 227.

Rock Springs Lodge No. 479, and

Johns Lodge No. 511.

would respectfully report "that we have carefully considered the same and recommend that Duplicate Charters be issued to each of above named Lodges free of cost.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JOHN B. LYONS,

GEO. W. COGGIN,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

PETITION OF RUTLEDGE LODGE NO. 357 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF
SAID LODGE TO PLEASANT HOME NO. 357.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the application or petition of Rutledge Lodge No. 357 to change the name of said Lodge to Pleasant Home Lodge No. 357, would respectfully report favorably on the same, and the name of Rutledge Lodge No. 357 be, and the same is, hereby changed to Pleasant Home Lodge No. 357.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
GEO. W. COGGIN,
SAMUEL STEIN,
Committee.

PETITION OF MOUNT IDA LODGE NO. 660.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Mt. Ida Lodge No. 660, to remove said Lodge from Mt. Ida to Mt. Ida Church, would respectfully report favorably on the same, and Mt. Ida Lodge No. 660 is hereby authorized to remove said Lodge from Mt. Ida to Mt. Ida Baptist Church.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
GEO. W. COGGIN,
SAMUEL STEIN,
Committee.

PETITION OF BROTHER WILEY J. T. ACREE.

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the matter of application of Bro. Wiley J. T. Acree, formerly a member of Wind Creek Lodge No. 267, who was suspended N. P. D., in 1875, and whose Lodge forfeited

its Charter in 1884, for a certificate from the Grand Lodge upon the payment of one dollar, would respectfully report:

1st. That the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals at session of 1904 recommended that same issue by Grand Lodge on payment of \$5.00.

2nd. That your Committee has carefully considered the papers accompanying this application and we see no just reason why such certificate should be granted for a less sum at this time, and we therefore recommend that such certificate be issued to him upon the payment of five dollars.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,

GEO. W. COGGIN,
SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

APPLICATION OF BROTHER WILLIAM T. SIMMONS, SECRETARY BOARD
OF MASONIC TRUSTEES, COURTLAND, ALABAMA.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the letter signed by W. T. Simmons, Secretary of Board of Masonic Trustees of Courtland, Ala., asking permission of this Grand Lodge to sell the Masonic Temple Institute of that place and erect a Masonic Lodge Hall with the proceeds of said sale, would respectfully report:

1st. That no Representative from Courtland, Ala., is registered as being in attendance at this Grand Lodge, and therefore your Committee are not in possession of any facts justifying such sale. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred to the incoming M.: W.: Grand Master for such action as he may deem best.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,

GEO. W. COGGIN,
SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

PETITION OF ASHLAND LODGE FOR REMISSION OF DUES.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the application of Ashland Lodge No. 356 to be relieved from dues to Grand Lodge for year 1907, would respectfully report that we see no just reason why such Lodge should be relieved and we therefore report unfavorably on the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
GEO. W. COGGIN,
SAMUEL STEIN,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

W.: Brother John B. Lyons, of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred that part of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address referring to Communication from Autauga Lodge No. 31, as to Mr. Baker Jones, would respectfully report that this matter out of which this request arises has been before this Grand Lodge for a number of years. That in 1904 your Committee recommended that this original charge, to-wit, Miss Grace Jones vs. Autauga Lodge, be referred to a special committee of three Past Masters, etc., (See Proceedings of 1904); that this Committee was appointed by Grand Master Matthews, who submitted their report to him (See Proceedings of 1905); that the original charge came up again at session of 1906, and was referred to a special committee by vote of the Grand Lodge at its session of 1906; that such special committee submitted its report to Grand Master Jacobs, which report was approved by

the Grand Master; but as said matter has been again referred to your Committee, we would respectfully report that so far as this Committee is informed, Baker Jones, a profane, is not and should not be subject to any criticism as to the treatment of his mother and family after the death of his father who was a Mason.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN B. LYONS,
GEO. W. COGGIN,
SAMUEL STEIN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION TO PRINT A THIRD EDITION OF THE MASONIC MANUAL OF ALABAMA.

W.: Brother Joseph H. Edwards, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to print two thousand (2,000) copies of a revised edition of the Masonic Manual of Alabama, and that R.: W.: Brothers George A. Beauchamp, and Daniel A. Greene, be appointed a committee to revise same and codify the Edicts and Decisions to date."

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 2.

W.: Brother Robert F. Lovelady, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations No. 2, made the following supplemental report, which was adopted:

"To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama:

"Your Committee on Dispensations No. 2, after consulting with Brother Anderson E. Smith, the W.: M.: of Paint Rock Lodge No. 665, now working U. D., and whose Dispensation has been continued until our next Annual Communication, beg leave to recommend that the M.: W.: Grand Master be requested to appoint Brother John W. Tipton, as

the W.: M.: of said Lodge, and Brother William C. Brannum, as the Junior Warden thereof, to serve as such until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge."

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME.

The M.: W.: Grand Master announced the following Special Committee of Fifteen on the proposed Masonic Widows and Orphans Home:

Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman.
At large, Daniel A. Greene;
At large, Hinds Peevey;
At large, Joseph H. Edwards;
At large, Coleman Blach;
First District, Albert D. Bloch;
Second District, George A. Beauchamp;
Third District, William M. Bass;
Fourth District, Walter H. Trimby;
Fifth District, M. C. Thomas;
Sixth District, Robert J. Redden;
Seventh District, Hezeriah G. Earnest;
Eighth District, Leroy C. Sugg;
Ninth District, James A. Bilbro;
Tenth District, Lawrence C. Leadbetter.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO BROTHER CHARLES R. PORTER, OF ROME, GEORGIA.

W.: Brother Robert F. Lovelady, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Be it Resolved. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to Brother Charles R. Porter, of Rome, Georgia, for his generous donation to the proposed Masonic Widows and Orphans Home of Alabama.

"And also, that our R.: W.: Grand Secretary, be requested to furnish Brother Porter with a copy of the above resolution under the seal of the Grand Lodge."

FLORAL OFFERING PRESENTED THE GRAND MASTER BY
ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG CHAPTER NO. 10, O. E. S.

At this juncture the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment; and several members of Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter No. 10, O. E. S., entered, and Mrs. Hannah D. Chaffee, Past Worthy Matron of said Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., of Alabama, in behalf of Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful floral design, accompanying said presentation by an appropriate address which was happily responded to by the Grand Master.

After the departure of the ladies, the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and on motion of W.: Brother, Joseph H. Edwards, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were by a unanimous and rising vote tendered the Grand Chapter O. E. S., for the valuable and efficient aid rendered by same in the late campaign for the proposed Masonic Widows and Orphans Home.

RELATIVE TO LEBANON LODGE NO. 484.

R. : W. : Brother Daniel A. Greene, submitted the following question to the Grand Lodge, and on motion it was referred to the incoming Grand Master :

Lebanon Lodge No. 484 received a petition of a profane for the degrees. The petitioner was and is still a resident of Alabama. Prior to presenting his petition to Lebanon Lodge, the petitioner had applied to a Lodge in Georgia, but finding that Georgia could not act on Alabama material he applied to Lebanon. Pending action on his petition in Lebanon, the Georgia Lodge acted on the petition before it, elected the petitioner, and conferred the degrees upon him.

"Lebanon Lodge has now refrained from taking any action on the petition; but it together with the fees are still held by that Lodge.

"Query. What disposition shall be made of the petition and fees by Lebanon Lodge?"

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M. : W. : Brother Ben M. Jacobs, Grand Master, duly installed the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers, W. : Brother David W. McIver, Grand Marshal, assisting.

M. : W. : Grand Master Hugh S. D. Mallory announced the following standing committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB-----Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

GEORGE P. HARRISON-----Opelika.

ROBERT E. STEINER-----Montgomery.

JESSE M. CARMICHAEL-----Ozark.

MADISON W. RUSHTON-----Luverne.

HINDS PEEVEY-----Birmingham.

ON FINANCE.

LEW LAZARUS -----Birmingham.

PERCY B. DIXON-----Mobile.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE-----Montgomery.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

JAMES T. GREENE-----Anniston.

EDWARD S. LYMAN-----Montevallo.

MARION H. SIMS-----Talladega.

ON PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

HUGH S. D. MALLORY-----Selma.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY-----Montgomery.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP-----Montgomery.

ON WORK.

ANGUS M. SCOTT-----Headland.

WILLIAM W. DAFFIN-----Grove Hill.

WILLIAM A. ARNOLD-----Clio.

HEZERIAH G. EARNEST-----Anniston.

SAMUEL W. TATE-----Anniston.

ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 1.

JACOB D. BLOCH-----	Mobile.
FREEMAN S. JENKINS-----	Bankston.
ELBERT S. STARR-----	Selma.

ON DISPENSATIONS NO. 2.

ROBERT F. LOVELADY-----	Pratt City.
WALKER S. SCOTT-----	Birmingham.
RICHARD D. WINDHAM-----	Henderson.

ON BY-LAWS.

WALTER SMITH-----	Tuscaloosa.
LOUIS M. MOSELEY-----	Union Springs.
LOUIS J. WRIGHT-----	Talladega.
JACOB BLEY-----	Demopolis.
JOHN B. BETHEA-----	Birmingham.

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN-----	Uniontown.
JOHN B. LYONS-----	Opelika.
GEO. W. COGGIN-----	Fayette.
WILLIAM L. LEE-----	Columbia.
SAMUEL STEIN-----	Bessemer.

TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER.

W.: Brother Joseph H. Edwards, offered the following resolution and it was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved. That a committee of three be appointed to purchase a suitable testimonial to be presented to the retiring Grand Master, M.: W.: Brother Ben M. Jacobs, as a slight token of our appreciation and esteem."

The M.: W.: Grand Master, appointed the following committee to procure this testimonial:

George A. Beauchamp,	Joseph H. Edwards,
Daniel A. Greene.	

There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the R.: W.: and Reverend Grand Chaplain, Brother William C. Bledsoe, the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, and its Masonic Jurisdiction, was closed in Ample Form, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master's gavel fell at 6:30 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, December 4th, 1907.

*Worthy Develony Jr.
Grand Master*



APPENDIX.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

—BY—

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully reports upon the following proceedings—all that have been received.

Alberta -----	1906-7	Kentucky -----	1906
Arizona -----	1906	Louisiana -----	1907
Arkansas -----	1905	Maine -----	1907
British Columbia -----	1907	Manitoba -----	1907
California -----	1906	Maryland -----	1906
Canada -----	1906	Massachusetts -----	1906
Colorado -----	1906	Michigan -----	1907
Connecticut -----	1907	Minnesota -----	1907
Costa Rica -----	1905-6	Mississippi -----	1907
Costa Rica -----	1906-7	Missouri -----	1906
Cuba -----	1906-7	Montana -----	1906
Delaware -----	1906	Nebraska -----	1907
District of Columbia-----	1906	New Brunswick -----	1906
England -----	1906-7	New Hampshire-----	1906
Florida -----	1907	New Jersey -----	1907
Georgia -----	1906	New Mexico -----	1906
Idaho -----	1906	New South Wales -----	1906
Illinois -----	1906-7	New York -----	1907
Indiana -----	1907	New Zealand -----	1906-7
Indian Territory -----	1906	North Carolina -----	1907
Iowa -----	1907	Nova Scotia -----	1906
Ireland -----	1906	Ohio -----	1906
Kansas -----	1907	Oklahoma -----	1907

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Oregon -----	1907	Vermont -----	1907
Pennsylvania -----	1906	Virginia -----	1907
Prince Edward Island-----	1907	Washington -----	1906
Quebec -----	1907	Washington -----	1907
Rhode Island -----	1906	Western Australia -----	1907
Scotland -----	1907	West Virginia -----	1907
South Australia -----	1907	Wisconsin -----	1907
South Carolina -----	1906	Wyoming -----	1907
South Dakota -----	1907	64 Jurisdictions—5 for 2 years and one for 3 years.—72 vols. and pamphlets.	
Tasmania -----	1907		
Tennessee -----	1907		
Utah -----	1907		

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1ST. ANNUAL—MEDICINE HAT—FEBRUARY, 1906.

Bro. George Macdonald, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, including two chartered at this communication, 20—Membership (as per last report), 1,169—Present Membership, 1,206—Net gain, 39.

This young Grand Lodge begins its career under most favorable auspices. Dignity characterizes its proceedings, and its purpose to adhere strictly to correct usage, is plainly manifest.

Grand Lodge was opened "in Form" Tuesday, February 20th Bro. O. W. Kealy, Junior Grand Warden, occupied the East as Acting Grand Master, supported by twenty-six Past Masters and twenty Masters and Wardens.

The Acting Grand Master, after a little preliminary business, read the Grand Master's address, the official head of the craft being unavoidably absent.

The address was short, covering about four pages of print, but replete with wholesome counsel. In it we find one short paragraph which might be considered placid in style. We quote:

"As far back as the year 1888 several of our brethren were looking forward to the dawn of this our Grand Masonic body, and some of them are still spared to join with us in welcoming the existence of a new star in the Masonic firmament."

May it soon in its symbolic teachings reach its zenith, parallelling the brilliancy of the mid-day sun, and may it long continue so, and, though at times its brightness may dim as fleeting clouds obscure its lustre, may it ever resume its brilliant path and never find a setting."

In the body of this address there does not seem to be a superfluous word.

Eight dispensations had been granted—four of them to waive statutory time as to conferring degrees. He had refused one request for dispensation to permit public installation of officers.

He submitted only one decision. Having been asked if it was constitutional to initiate or pass more than one candidate at the same time, he ruled as follows:

"It is not necessary for each candidate to go through the entire ceremony alone, but only to a certain point; they could all be instructed together."

The reports of the District Deputies were, for the most part, highly satisfactory.

The Grand Secretary is evidently a careful, painstaking officer. If the secretaries of Lodges will be prompt in making their reports, he will no longer have this complaint to make.

"Owing to the want of returns from some of the lodges, and the incompleteness of others, it is utterly impossible to give an accurate account, at the present time, of the work done since the formation of this Grand Lodge."

To each of such secretaries we would say: "Put yourself in his place," and make Brother Dunlap happy. No doubt the various secretaries will "tune up to their color."

The committee on Grand Secretary's report suggested that the District Deputies "be specially charged to impress the Lodges and Secretaries with the importance of making their returns punctually on the day appointed by the Constitution."

From the Grand Master's address and report of committee on the same we infer that he and his Brethren believe that a wooden leg should be more acceptable than a wooden head—that slight physical defect should not always bar the applicant. Still, in view of the difficulties of the question of physical qualifications, the committee recommended that the matter be left to the discretion of the Grand Master,—Adopted.

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We have given, as it were, a "snap-shot" view of these proceedings, reserving a more extended notice for some future time.

The retiring Grand Master was voted a Jewel. The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence had no extended report to make, owing to the brief time elapsed since the inauguration of Grand Lodge.

Next Grand Communication will be at McLeod. Grand Lodge has under consideration the erection of a Masonic Home and School.

Bro. Oswald Kealy, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. J. Dunlap, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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2ND ANNUAL —MACLEOD, ALTA—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 20—Membership, Dec. 27, 1906, 1,627—Membership per last report, 1,206—Net gain, 421.

Bro. O. W. Kealy, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Grand Master Kealy sitting in the Grand East, and a quorum of the Lodges being represented. Two Past Grand Masters and two other Past Grand Officers were present.

A portrait of Grand Master O. W. Kealy in his regalia, on the initial page makes a fine appearance.

A perusal of the Grand Master's address convinces the reader that it was M.: W.: Bro. Kealy's constant aim to promote the interests of the Craft by every means in his power.

His few decisions reported will "pass muster." One of them was as follows:

"Decided that I could not dedicate a Lodge room, unless the building was a Masonic one."

We concur.

He had signed ten dispensations permitting Lodges to go to church in a body, in regalia. He says it puzzles him to understand what the object of these parades is. We think we can enlighten M.: W.: Brother on that point. The object is

that display, evidently, is, to make an impression on outsiders. And we think it distracts the attention of the lovely misses and blooming youths—and perhaps of the older folks, when their minds and hearts should center upon the worship of Almighty God. Let them go to the sanctuary in a body if you choose—divested of their paraphernalia. Of course no one could be so foolish as to imagine that the eyes of the S. A. O. T. U. could be dazzled by our ornamental insignia.

The Grand Master had constituted two newly chartered Lodges. Seven new Lodges had been instituted.

From his remarks under the head, "Ritual," we learn that some of the Lodges work the "Canadian" Rite and some, the "American" Rite. His suggestion of a combination of the two rites seems to us, as well as to the Special Committee on Ritual, "impracticable."—The reports of the Dist. Deputies were encouraging.

The Grand Secretary complains that only thirteen out of the twenty chartered Lodges sent up their returns before the time prescribed by the Constitution; however he also states that five of the delinquents have since reported. Committee, however, excuses these Lodges on account of the nearness of the Grand Lodge meeting to the close of the Masonic year. The Board of General Purposes reported that a full meeting of the Board was held in May to consider what steps should be taken with regard to brethren involved in the San Francisco disaster. The result as reported by Committee on Finance, was the raising of \$147.00 for the California Relief Fund. Report adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, and the Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that nothing had come before them for consideration. Both reports were received and adopted.

Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence reported twenty Grand Lodges which had accorded recognition, and that correspondence with a view to recognition had been received from sixteen. Alabama, one of the 16.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, warrants were granted to five Lodges U. D.

The Special Committee on Establishment of a Masonic Home

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reported favorably. Everywhere the scheme was hailed with approbation.

The committee did not favor raising funds to build the Home, by means of an "organized or systematic per capita tax," but it believed that the matter should be left to the membership of the subordinate Lodges as a free will offering. We think that was a mistake.

Next Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Edmonton.

Bro. Healey C. Taylor, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. George McDonald, (P. G. M.) R.: W.: Grand Sec.

ARIZONA.**25TH. ANNUAL—PHOENIX—NOVEMBER, 1906.**

Number of Lodges, 19—Membership, 1,394—Net gain, 102.

Bro. Edwin S. Miller, M.: W.: Grand Master, whose portrait adorns the first page of this volume.

The Committee on Credentials reported all the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives present, as well as twelve Past Grand Masters, and Grand Representatives of thirty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions. (Alabama "not in it".)

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form. The Grand Master's address (7 pp.) was a simple resume of his administration, absolutely free from anything in the shape of "rhetorical pyrotechnics," and covering every point demanding attention.

He submitted no decisions, and reported but two dispensations, these being to fill vacancies.

Upon receiving intelligence of the great disaster in San Francisco, April 18, 1906, he had instructed the Grand Secretary to send \$100.00 to the suffering Brethren there, and issued a strong appeal to the Lodges in that behalf. The 19 Arizona Lodges responded most generously, contributing a total of \$1,795.00.

Well done, Brothers.

The Grand Master recommended adoption of the "card certificate" of membership in good standing, for use of Brethren when preparing to visit other Lodges.

V.: W.: Grand Secretary Geo. J. Roskruge reported:

"All returns have been received—all neatly and correctly made out."

He stated that \$698.00 had been received from the several Lodges for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Grand Treasurer reported the total resources of Grand Lodge as \$18,671.19.

The Grand Master's recommendation of the "card certificate" plan having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, said committee reported thereon as follows:

"To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Arizona:

Your committee on jurisprudence, to which was referred the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master relative to "Card Receipts" for dues, has given the matter careful thought and begs to report that there is nothing in our constitution or the by-laws relative to receipts for dues, or the form thereof. It appears to your committee that anything which shows a brother has paid dues up to date is an indication that he is in good standing. The possession of a "Card Receipt" would not be a guarantee that the brother holding it was not suspended or expelled; nor would the Grand Secretary's certificate on the back be evidence that the charter of the lodge had not been arrested. The desire for these changes in old customs and methods, no doubt, arises because members see things used by other societies and, therefore, think that Masonry is not up with the "spirit of the times" unless she adopts each new-fangled invention. It may be that in this case the desire of a printer for new business is responsible. There is nothing in our constitution or by-laws to prevent a lodge from issuing a card or any other form of receipt it sees proper to use.

Our constitution provides for the issuance of a diploma by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, showing that, at the time of issuance, the brother named therein is a Master Mason in good standing. This is documentary evidence, and your committee does not believe that any Grand Lodge, or its constituent lodges, would reject it. To rule otherwise would be to say that one Grand Lodge could legislate for another, or that a member from Arizona would have to carry a variety of receipts suiting the whim or fancy of each Grand Lodge he might wish to visit.

Your committee therefore recommends that no action be had."

Fraternally submitted,
MORRIS GOLDWATER,
A. L. GROW,
J. M. ORMSBY,
Committee."

On motion the report was concurred in.

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We concur. It seems as though the Grand Secretary's diploma under Seal of the Grand Lodge ought to be sufficient documentary evidence of good standing.

The Arizona Grand Lodge Constitution provides as follows:

"A brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who neglected to pay the same for one year, and who afterwards pays his dues and arrearages, and applies for restoration but fails to receive a favorable vote of two-thirds of his lodge, remains a suspended member of his lodge."

Of that law the Jurisprudence Committee says that it is so manifestly unjust that the committee recommends that the incoming Jurisprudence Committee prepare the proper amendment and report same at the next annual. The recommendation was adopted.

In Alabama, no action of the Lodge is necessary for such reiteration. Immediately upon the payment of all arrearages the Brother resumes his membership in good standing.

Our Brethren in Arizona are not deaf to the calls of benevolence. They transferred from the general fund, last fall, to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$4,000.00 in 5 per cent. bonds

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence in these proceedings.

Bro. Herbert Brown, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Geo. J. Roskruge, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.**64TH. REGULAR—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1906.**

Bro. A. B. Grace, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 501—Making returns, 483—U. D. Lodges, 14—Making returns, 14.

No. of Lodges (C. & U. D.) paying dues, 508.

All the Lodges except 7 chartered, paid up.

Membership 16,772 Master Masons—Honorary, 1,501.

Dues for the year \$18,043.00, of which \$5,914.00 made amount of Orphans' Home Dues.

Mileage and per diem, paid, amounted to \$4,318.22.

In Alabama we pay our own mileage and per diem.
This volume presents on its first page a portrait of Grand Master-Elect, Bro. Jacob Trisber.

An Emergent Communication was held, at Magnolia, Ark., 4th July, 1906, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Masonic building.

Besides the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives, there were present at the Communication, seven Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of thirty Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama.

In his address, which is a well prepared account of his administration, the Grand Master presented 36 decisions which for the much greater part evince a clear conception of the law applying, and careful consideration from every point of view.

To two of these decisions we respectfully object, viz.: to Nos. 13 and 18. Number 13 reads as follows:

"A brother keeps books for a wholesale and retail liquor and cigar company as an auxiliary employment, does much of the work at home, has no interest in the business and nothing to do with sales."

"Held. That this is not a violation of the edict forbidding Masons to engage in the business of selling intoxicating liquors."

The majority of the Jurisprudence Committee sustained the Grand Master's decision but two members of said committee made a strong minority report thereon. We are pleased to note that the minority report placing the bookkeeper of a liquor business, as well as the owner, or dispenser of drinks, under the law, was adopted.

Decision No. 18 is as follows:

"Number 18.—Question: Has a subordinate lodge any right to donate any part of its funds for the relief of the destitute profane?"

"Answer: No. A lodge may only lawfully disburse money for Masonic purposes, and this is not one of them."

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage approved the foregoing decision, as also did Grand Lodge. Nevertheless, not meaning to be presumptuous, we with all due deference,

venture to deny the correctness of that position. At the risk of rejecting what we have heretofore maintained, we undertake to affirm that a Lodge fulfilling all its Masonic requirements, including Masonic Charities, has the right to donate any surplus to suffering humanity even outside the Fraternity.

With most of the Grand Master's rulings we are in hearty accord.

The Grand Master had regretted to report that he had felt compelled to arrest the Charters of two Lodges. One of these two Lodges had, in violation of law, resolved to confer the E. A. Degree for \$10.00, and to donate to each candidate the fees for the other two degrees. Under said resolution, eighteen candidates, for \$10.00 a piece, received all of the degrees. The other Lodge had, over the protest of the District Deputy, proceeded to confer degrees upon candidates who were residents of Indian Territory or who had not lived in Arkansas the Constitutional time.

Grand Master Grace had granted dispensations for the Constitution of nine new Lodges, and had refused several petitions for dispensations, to Grand Lodge, because these latter had come in too late for investigation by himself prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge.

He paid tribute to the "splendid work" of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputies.

His recognition of the invaluable services of that most efficient and accommodating officer, Grand Secretary Fay Hempstead, will be universally endorsed.

He is no advocate of the practice of railroading candidates to gratify their small ambition. Very pertinent are his remarks concerning "Joiners."

He favors rotation in office in the Lodge. On this question there are two or three important points of view. The writer does not approve a "cast-iron rule" in respect of Lodge elections; at the same time thinks the hope of promotion, on the part of subordinate officers, a great incentive—praiseworthy, too—to effort, as well as a spur to interest in the Craft.

The pictured group of Grand Officers, Custodians, and Dis-

trict Deputies, presents, in this volume, a fine appearance. There's not a "muff" in the lot.

The report of the Grand Secretary is just what was to be expected from so capable and faithful an officer. Grand Master Grace did not say one word too much in his praise. That was a worthy act done by Grand Lodge when it raised his salary to \$1,500.00.

In his report the Grand Secretary states that up to date \$5,350.00 of the \$5,590.00, Dues for the Orphans' Home, had been received.

In Grand Master Flint's "Relief Repcrt"—(California)—we see that Arkansas is credited with contribution of \$602.50, but that was on June 5, 1906. As much must have arrived in San Francisco from Ark. later, because Bro. Hempstead states in his report that a total of \$1,266.95 was sent from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Grand Treasurer reports same amount.

R.: W.: Bro. Hempstead has zealously and efficiently served his Grand Lodge for a quarter of a century. Significant of his success as Grand Secretary during these 25 years, is the fact that he has now a firm hold upon the hearts of his Brethren.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Nov. 16, 1906, was the sum of \$12,601.33.

On recommendation of Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to twelve Lodges, U. D., also dispensations were granted for formation of six new Lodges. The action of the Grand Master, in arresting the Charters of two Lodges, was apprcved, but their Charters were restored. The members of the first Lodge who voted for the resolution to confer E. A. Degree for \$10.00 and to donate the fees for the other two degrees and confer said degrees, were suspended for one year; and the 18 new members, more or less, were required to pay the balance of the prescribed fees, and to be healed. The dispensations of two new Lodges were continued.

The Board of Control of the Masonic Temple, after the disbursement of \$15,662.89, had on hand cash to the amount of \$1,755.03.

The Board of Trustees of Orphans' Home submitted its re-

port, and after slight amendment the report was adopted. On the Board's recommendation, Batesville was selected as the location of the Home, the citizens of that city agreeing to provide a complete and adequate system of sewers and water-works, and also electric lights, in apt time before the beginning of the construction of the building. So, no doubt, our Brethren of Arkansas, will soon have in their midst a Home to be a blessing to Masons' children and a benediction to the Craft in Arkansas.

On favorable report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the proposition from Grand Lodge of the Dist. of Columbia in regard to the bi-centenary celebration, of the first Grand Lodge of Freemasons, in 1917 was agreed to. Also recognition was accorded to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

A unanimous rising vote tendered the thanks of Grand Lodge to the Grand Orator for his twelve-page address, which certainly contained some good things, but, in the writer's opinion, might have been greatly condensed.

The writer is conscious that his review of Arkansas is very imperfect, but such as it is, it must suffice this time.

There was no annual report on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. Jacob Trieber, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Fay Hempstead, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

36TH. ANNUAL—VANCOUVER—JUNE. 1907.

Bro. James H. Schofield, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 40—Lodges U. D. 2—Total Membership, 3,258—Increase, 38

Grand Master Schofield occupying the Grand East, the Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form. Seven Past Grand Masters graced the occasion with their presence, as did thirty-one Grand Representatives. Again Alabama was not reported present.

Grand Master J. H. Schofield, in his address congratulated his Brethren "that prosperity is general throughout the length

and breadth of the Province, and that this has been a year of progress in Freemasonry."

He submitted three decisions as follows:

(1) A Past Master of this jurisdiction who has dimitted from the Lodge of which he is a Past Master, and who is not a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, but is member of a Lodge under Grand Lodge of Canada, can confer degrees in this Grand jurisdiction, if requested to do so by the Master or Acting Master of any Lodge.

(2) A suspended Mason cannot personally prefer charges against a member of the Lodge which suspended him, but the charges may be laid by another Mason who is in good standing.

(3) If a candidate for the degrees of Masonry has lost the first finger of his right hand between the second and third joints, he is ineligible for the degrees.

Under his authority as Grand Master he had granted quite a number of dispensations, but had refused a few (4) for reasons deemed good and sufficient.

He had issued dispensation to form a new Lodge which, instituted April 24th, gives promise of a bright future.

The report of the Deputy Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputies fully informed the Brethren in regard to the workings of the year.

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows cash balance in bank \$2,821.26. The Charity Account exhibits balance on hand, and receipts to the amount of \$5,369.83, and after all disbursements, balance cash in bank, June 17, 1907, in the sum of \$1,357.73.

Grand Secretary R. E. Brett is a faithful, painstaking officer. His services are invaluable to his Grand Lodge.

The Annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was ordered to be received, adopted and printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of Brother DeWolf Smith from the same committee, action on the application of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala for recognition, was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith is doing splendid work as Grand Historian and Librarian.

The Finance Committee, for the information of Grand Lodge, made statement of the Charity Fund invested, showing a total

of \$17,608.47—a magnificent showing for a Jurisdiction having only 40 Lodges and 3,258 members.

Upon the question whether or not the Grand Lodge of British Columbia could lawfully issue a warrant to a subordinate Lodge in the Yukon Territory, it being at the time unoccupied territory, the Committee on Constitution reported that in its opinion "the territory being unoccupied territory, that is, no other Grand Lodge having exclusive Jurisdiction therein, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia can lawfully grant a warrant to a Subordinate Lodge within this said territory." The committee further state that no amendment to the Constitution is required to enable the Grand Lodge to exercise the Jurisdiction in question. Reprt received and adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, all the Grand Master's decisions were approved, also his refusal of certain dispensations asked for.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was of local interest alone.

A special committee recommended warrants for two Lodges in Yukon Territory. If action was taken upon the report of said committee, we have failed to find it.

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The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith is one of his best, and that is saying a lot.

Alabama 1906 is generously given four and one-third closely printed pages of his really valuable space. He never fails in courtesy toward our Jurisdiction, but if he finds any error he is prompt to refer to it, and this is a good place to say we thank him for correcting our mistake in affirming that we give no numbers to Lodges U. D. All the same (we say this to our home folks) we fail to see the propriety of giving Lodges numbers before they are chartered.

We desire to express our grateful sense of his kindness in commenting on our work.

Our Brother makes an excellent abstract of our proceedings and quotes several of the Acting Grand Master's rulings, criticizing some of them. In course of his remarks concerning the address of R.: W.: Brother Jacobs, he says, in regard to 'the claim of "the Wisconsin Relief Lodge":'

"He reports a complaint made by the Wisconsin Lodge of Relief against Anniston Lodge, of Alabama. It seems that the Wisconsin Lodge of Relief gave some assistance to a Brother of Anniston Lodge and after his death saw that he was decently buried. Then, disregarding their obligation, they billed Anniston Lodge for the amount expended, some \$95.00. Anniston Lodge very properly declined to admit any liability in the matter, but offered to contribute fifty dollars. The Wisconsin Lodge of Relief refused to accept anything but the full amount and passed the matter up to the Grand Master of Wisconsin, who wrote to the Grand Master of Alabama that he was

"Of the opinion that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama would not expect Wisconsin Masons to stand the expense of interring the remains of a member of one of its subordinate Lodges, even though that Lodge unjustly and arbitrarily refuses to pay, and therefore _____ I respectfully request that you bring the whole matter to the attention of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama at its next annual communication for such action as in their good judgment may be in keeping with the merits of the case."

We should certainly say that to stand the expense of relieving a Mason from Alabama is just what the Masons of that jurisdiction might reasonably expect from the Masons of Wisconsin, were it not for the fact that Wisconsin is the jurisdiction which gave its name to the extraordinary proposition that Masonic relief is a pure business transaction between Lodges. It is an undertaking we all assume—at least, we suppose they do in Wisconsin—to help, aid and assist all worthy distressed Master Masons, wheresoever dispersed. The duty of extending relief is not qualified by any expectation of having the outlay returned, and the action of the Wisconsin Lodge of Relief in tying a string to its offers of assistance is anything but Masonic. Of course we can understand that the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Alabama, when dunred for the money, would naturally feel that it should be paid—and the Grand Lodge so ordered."

We take pleasure in acquainting our Brother with the fact that Anniston Lodge, never for one moment entertained the thought of allowing Grand Lodge to pay that "bill", paid every farthing claimed by Wisconsin Lodge of Relief.

It is gratifying to find that we are, in the main, in accord with Brother Smith as to Valle de Mexico and Queensland.

Wish "British Columbia" would "put in an appearance" earlier in the season, that we might do a measure of Justice to the interesting volume. The portraits on the initial pages are well executed.

Bro. Francis Bowser, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. R. E. Brett, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

57TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—OCTOBER, 1906.

Bro. Motley H. Flint, M.: W.: Grand Master.

No of Lodges, 308—Membership, 33,769—Net gain, 2,208.

The volume before us is embellished with a portrait of Grand Master Motley Hewes Flint.

Earthquake and fire having destroyed the Temple, Grand Lodge convened October 9, 1906, in Calvary Church, San Francisco. Thirteen Past Grand Masters, by their presence, signified their loyalty to the Craft.

The Grand Master's address (38 pp.) gives evidence of strenuous and unremitting efforts on his part to relieve the suffering caused by the frightful disaster of April 18, 1906, and bears testimony to noble work and heroic endeavor on the part of many Brethren as well as to the brave manhood of San Francisco's citizens.

"Grand Master's Relief Report" (41 pp.) is appended. From its financial statement we learn that the Grand Lodge of Alabama and its subordinate Lodges are credited with the contribution of \$3,300.00 for the relief of our suffering California Brethren. The total receipts from Masonic bodies were \$225,692.10. Total expenditures, \$174,814.85. Balance, \$50,877.52. Calls for aid numerous.

The work done by the several Boards of Relief at San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Alameda and others was simply magnificent.

The following extract from the "Oakland Masonic Relief"

Bureau" may interest some of our readers who are apt to speculate on the causes of seismic disturbances. It runs thus:

"Before going into detail as to work done in the city of Oakland by the Masonic Relief Bureau after the arrival of the refugees here, it may be well to give some reasons as to the necessity for such a chaotic condition of affairs from the scientific side of it. Alexander G. McAdie of the United States Weather Bureau situated in San Francisco has said, "that not the least interesting feature of the great earthquake was the record made at various points on the earth's surface, showing the displacement of the earth particle, or in other words, the indication of the passing earth tremors and waves. The instrument by which earthquake motion is determined is called a seismograph, and the particular type of instrument most favored today is the Bosch-Omori horizontal pendulum seismograph. The instrument obtains its name from an eminent investigator Bosch; and an equally eminent investigator—Dr F. Omori, Professor of Seismology in the Tokyo Imperial University and member of the Imperial Earthquake Investigation committee. Ten or more of these instruments are installed at different points around the globe, and doubtless very full records have been attained, the discussion of which will materially increase our knowledge of the way in which the earth's surface transmits the jar occasioned by any great slip or dislocation of strata, commonly called an earthquake.

"Europe seems far away from the Pacific Coast and yet within twenty minutes from the time the earthquake began in San Francisco these horizontal and vertical Micro-Seismographs were busy recording, as best they could, the different sets of wave motions traversing the United States, speeding across the Atlantic and hurrying throughout Europe. Japan is our neighbor to the West but not a close neighbor. Within eleven and one-half minutes the seismographs in Tokyo were recording the beginning of the shock in San Francisco. It was then about 10:30 Wednesday night in Japan—Japan standard time. Without delay Prof. Omori could tell by means of the record given on the seismograph that a severe earthquake had occurred on the American side of the Pacific at 5:13:05 A. M.—our time. The record of the earthquake at Washington, D. C., in the weather bureau laboratory obtained by Prof. Charles Marvin, with a large Omori seismograph, told him before the news had yet arrived from San Francisco that a severe dislocation of the earth's crust had occurred about 2450 miles away from Washington. It was then 8:19 in the morning, Washington time. The actual displacement of the ground at Washington, D. C., was nearly one-half inch each side of a point of rest. The movement was so slow, however, that only a seismograph could detect it.

"At Tokyo the movement was a little less and equally slow. In San Francisco if a record of the movement could have

been obtained, perhaps an inch or more each side of the neutral point would have been recorded; but executed in an extremely short time. These displacements, continuing for about forty seconds, from west to east and back again, and up and down, constitute the heavy, racking and twisting motions known to all of us.

During Grand Master Flint's incumbency, five Lodges had, according to previous order, been constituted. Dispensations had been issued for nine new Lodges—one had been continued under dispensation at the last Grand Communication, making in all ten Lodges U. D. Nine Special Communications had been held to lay corner-stones, and three, for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Temples.

Many charters had been burned or destroyed in the April disaster, and the Grand Master intimated that duplicates of said Charters should be furnished the Lodges in question just as soon as the Lithographing Company could renew the Charters.

The Masonic Temple at Port and Montgomery Sts., San Francisco, was destroyed in the terrible visitation of April 18th, 1906, but a purchaser of the site has been secured at the price of \$750,000.00. Of the 25,000 shares of the stock in the Masonic Temple Masonic bodies held 18,523 shares, private individuals held 6,477 shares. The sale of the property has the concurrence of everybody holding stock in the corporation. That ere long a new Temple of grander proportions will rise to adorn the city of San Francisco, goes without saying.

The Grand Master's decisions, though not very numerous, take up ten pages of print, all being very fully set forth. To the writer they appear to be conformable to Masonic law and usage.

The Jurisprudence Committee, having under consideration the decisions of the Grand Master submitted the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had under consideration that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relative to the decision rendered by him upon questions of Masonic law. It is evident that the Grand Master has given very careful consideration to this portion of his work, and

his conclusions are in the main fully in accord with our view as to the law obtaining in this Jurisdiction. In only one or two particulars do we deem any modification necessary.

The Grand Master was asked to determine the status in this Jurisdiction of a brother who was a Past Master of a Lodge in a foreign Jurisdiction, and had thereafter affiliated with a Lodge in California. Is he a Past Master in California, with the rights and privileges of a Past Master, including the right to be carried on the rolls of the California Lodge as a Past Master, and also the right of membership in the Grand Lodge? He was also asked to determine the same question as to one who had acquired the rank of Past Master by service in a California Lodge, and who had dimitted therefrom and affiliated with another California Lodge, of which he is still a member. He answered these questions in both cases in the affirmative. We have no doubt as to the correctness of the decision so far as the brother who had become a Past Master by service in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is concerned; but it appears to us to be incorrect as to the brother whose only service as Master was in a foreign jurisdiction. The whole matter is covered by the express language of our Constitution, where, in Art. II of Part VII, under the head of "Definitions," we find the following:

"Past Master.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed, and has served a term as Master of a chartered Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and who remains a member in good standing of one of its subordinates."

This provision is, of course, controlling as to the meaning of the term "Past Master" wherever it is used in our Constitution. Only those who come within its terms can be held to be entitled to the rank and privileges of a Past Master in California, and one whose only service as Master was in a Lodge of another jurisdiction, is plainly not within its terms.

We therefore recommend that this decision be modified to conform to these views.

The Grand Master was also asked as to the status of a Mason under the following conditions: He is a member of one of our Lodges, and while such member, without first withdrawing from his Lodge, applies, under Sec. 8, Art. I, Part V, for affiliation with another Lodge, upon a certificate of his standing in the Lodge of which he is a member. He is elected to membership in the Lodge to which he applies. When does he cease to be a member of his old Lodge? When does he commence to be a member of the new Lodge to which he is elected? when does his liability for dues in the old Lodge end? and when does his liability for dues begin in the new Lodge? The Constitution provides in the section just cited: "If such applicant be elected to affiliate with a Lodge, he can become a member thereof, only by filing with the Secretary, at a stated meeting, the certificate of his withdrawal from the Lodge of which he was last a member."

It is clear that the mere election of the brother to membership in the new Lodge under these circumstances in no way affects his standing as a member of the old Lodge. He continues a member of the old Lodge and liable for all dues that may accrue until such time as he formally withdraws therefrom, which he may do, under section 6 of the same article, by giving notice of his intention so to do at a stated meeting, when, he being in good standing, and his dues being paid, he will receive a certificate of withdrawal or dimitt. From that moment he is not a member of any Lodge until he becomes a member of another Lodge, and he can become a member of the new Lodge to which he has been elected only upon filing such certificate of withdrawal or dimitt with the Secretary thereof at a stated meeting. His dues in the new Lodge do not commence to accrue until such filing of the certificate. During the time that may elapse before his withdrawal from the old Lodge and the filing of his certificate of withdrawal or dimitt in the new Lodge, he, not being a member of any Lodge, is not liable for dues to any Lodge. The certificate of standing or membership contained in the Grand Master's decision, and taken by him from Anderson's Manual, at page 77, we find on investigation has never been adopted as a part of our Constitution or law, and is no part thereof. As we understand the Grand Master's decision, he ruled that the brother was liable to the old Lodge for such dues as might accrue to the time when he formally withdrew therefrom, and such ruling is strictly in accord with our law, and we recommend that it be approved. We have discussed this matter at length for the purpose of making clear the status of the brother from the time of his withdrawal to the time of filing his certificate of withdrawal with the Secretary of the new Lodge, a matter that does not appear to be explicitly covered by the decision of the Grand Master.

In regard to the question presented to the Grand Master as to the right of a Lodge to pay from Lodge funds for services rendered by a brother in assisting candidates in the work and lectures of the first and second degrees, we are of the opinion that the Grand Master's view that no such use can be made of Lodge funds, under our existing law, is correct. It is the settled law of this Jurisdiction that the funds of a Lodge are dedicated solely to charitable purposes, and the necessary expenses of the Lodge, the only exception being that provided by General Regulation 57, under which not to exceed five (now ten) per cent. of the yearly revenue may be used for purposes of refreshment and the promotion of fraternal intercourse. The proposed expenditure is not, in our judgment, within any class of expenditures now authorized. It is, of course, within the power of this Grand Lodge to authorize subordinate Lodges to expend a portion of their funds for the purpose, just as it has authorized such an expenditure for purposes of refreshment and the promotion of fraternal intercourse. Whether it would

e for the best interests of Masonry that this should be done ; a question of policy for the Grand Lodge to determine, and s to which we make no recommendation. If it be desired to o this, it can be done by a regulation authorizing the expen-iture, and it will not be necessary to create any new office n the Lodge or to amend the by-laws.

The decision of the Grand Master relative to the right to use vine at a banquet held outside of the lodge-room, where such vine is paid for otherwise than from lodge funds, is in ac-cord with our existing written law on the subject. The only written prohibition now in our law is as to the payment for pirituous, malt or fermented liquor from lodge funds. It has also been decided that it is contrary to Masonic usage to erve such liquors in a Masonic hall. If it be desired to prohibit the use of such liquors at any Masonic banquet or gath-ring, wherever held, a regulation to that effect will accom-plish the desired purpose.

The various other decisions rendered, including that in re-gard to life membership, are clearly in accord with our law and do not require special mention. We recommend that they e approved.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK M. ANGELLOTTI,
WILLIAM S. WELLS,
JAMES B. STEVENS,
THOMAS FLINT,
CHARLES W. NUTTING.
Committee.

All which were concurred in and the recommendations dcpted.

Bro. Angellotti also presented the following:

Your committee have had under consideration the matter of proposed legislation looking to the keeping secret the names of brethren appointed on committees on investigation, referred o them at the last communication.

A careful examination of our constitutional provisions and further consideration of the subject have satisfied us that he resolution introduced at that Communication by Bro. Jas. W. Anderscn is entirely consistent with all existing law on the subject, and goes as far in the direction proposed as is advi-sable. That resolution was as follows, viz:

"Resolved, That the reports of Committee on Investigation appointed on the petition of applicants for the degrees of Ma-sonry, or for applications, shall not be read in the Lodges, ex-cept so far as the announcement of the character of the report s concerned; nor shall the names of the brethren appointed on such committees be announced in the Lodge."

We now see no objection to this resolution, and report it to the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem proper.

Which was concurred in and the original resolution embod-ied in above was adopted.

Although out of place in this immediate connection, we note that the same committee recommended that the system of Grand Representatives be continued by the Grand Lodge of California. Adopted.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand, July 31, 1906, was the sum of \$6,595.39. His balance, as Treasurer of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, stood \$39,807.40.

The Grand Secretary, in his excellent report, stated that all the Lodges, with one exception (a Lodge U. D.) had made returns and paid their dues.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, ten Lodges U. D. were granted charters.

The Special Committee, on Grand Master's Address and Grand Secretary's Report, paid richly merited tribute to the zeal and efficiency of these officers.

The Grand Lecturer received high commendation at the hands of the Special Committee on Grand Lecturer's Report. The committee urged the importance of paying him such a salary as would enable him to devote his entire time to the very important duties of his office. The committee recommended that for the ensuing year his salary be fixed at \$2,500.00 and expenses.

The impressive address of the Grand Orator was unanimously requested for publication in the proceedings, and special copies printed for distribution. Several reports of committees must be passed without notice, but a further report of the law committee, on the Grand Master's recommendation that consent of the nearest Lodge shall not be necessary to the granting of a dispensation for a new Lodge, was adverse to said recommendation. The committee was of the opinion that only in exceptional cases should it be in the power, not of the Grand Master, but of the Grand Lodge to grant such dispensation without the consent of the nearest Lodge. The report being recommitted, the committee reported favorably with the proviso, that the "Grand Master may, if after full investigation he deems it to be for the best interests of Masonry, grant such dispensation without any such recommendation having

been given." Unanimously adopted.

Beautiful memorial addresses were delivered by Past Grand Masters, Edward C. Atkinson and Frank M. Angelotti, on the passing away of William Johnston and Hiram Newton Rucker (P. G. M.'s).

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that no legislation be had, clothing Inspectors with authority to stop proceedings in Lodges when, in their judgment, the Lodges, through carelessness or lack of interest are not able to confer any or all of the degrees properly. Adopted

The Masonic Board of Relief, San Francisco reported to the Grand Lodge and the twenty-two Lodges of that city, its doings for the year ending September 30, 1906.

We note that its total disbursements for charities were to the amount of \$9,321.34, leaving a surplus of \$4,111.42.

The Los Angeles Board had disbursed \$3,174.50. In its Detailed Statement, including 34 Jurisdictions throughout the world, Alabama is charged with \$270.00 and credited with \$250.00.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Home. The grand total of cash received was \$71,709.85—disbursed, \$31,902.45. Net balance, \$39,807.40.

The Expert Accountant's report shows total assets of Grand Lodge as \$235,303.46.

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Under the circumstances, surely, there was no need for M.: W.: Brother Wm. A. Davies to apologize for the shortness of his report on Correspondence. On the sixty-two pages of his review he has put more matter than we could have condensed into three times as many pages. Brother Davies is a first-class reporter.

Alabama 1905 is very kindly treated, and we are grateful for personal mention. But he almost takes our breath away when he calls us "Judge." Brother, we never, to our knowledge, sat in judgment on you for any violation of the law. Moreover, we never did sit on the woolsack. In civil life we are plain Mr.

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Badinage aside we are sincerely grieved by our Brother's "conclusion" to his report, which is as follows:

"We submit the foregoing as our report on correspondence. We had not intended to write it, but the Grand Master having thought proper to name us again for the work, and in delaying the explanation to him of our reasons for not wishing to discharge the duty until too late to give him a fair chance to select another, we submit the paper we have written as our final report."

"Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. DAVIES.
Chairman."

"Alameda, Sept. 20, 1906."

Feeling the highest respect for Brother Davies and admiring his faithful, enlightened discharge of the duties of Correspondent, we greatly regret that he will drop his facile pen, for the future.

Brother Edw. H. Hart, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Brother George Johnson, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CANADA.
(Province of Ontario.)

51ST ANNUAL—TORONTO—JULY, 1906.

Number of Ledges, 395—Membership, 37,628—Gain, 2,500.
(about.)

Bro. James M. Burritt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Three Especial Communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

At this Annual Communication there were present—besides the officers and members, ten Past Grand Masters—one of them being "honorary"—and a large number of other Past Grand Officers, as well as Grand Representatives of sister Jurisdictions, to the number of 46, Alabama being included.

In his address the Grand Master says the income for the year ending May 31, 1906, was \$34,377.09, a net increase over last year, of \$1,366.01.

The address covers 28 pages, breathing throughout its lines the true Masonic spirit. He tenderly commemorated the fra-

ternal dead of his own, and of Sister Jurisdictions. He had, with the approval of influential Brethren, sent \$1,000.00 to the San Francisco sufferers by earthquake and conflagration.

During the year, he had issued warrants to five Lodges. Four Lodges had been continued under dispensation by Grand Lodge; also five new Lodges had been formed, under dispensation. Three Lodge rooms had been dedicated; and three corner-stones laid. Since his installation he had "issued the large number of 216 dispensations for all sorts and things Masonic." This great number was "largely due to the recent amendment to the Constitution in that regard."

During the year five Lodges of Instruction had been held, with good results.

The Grand Master recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Four of his rulings were as follows:

"1. In the first degree take candidates separately up to and including the charge in the North East corner."

"2. In the Second Degree take them separately up to and inclusive of the obligation and the explanation of the altered position of the Lights on the alter."

"3. In the 3rd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the rising "of the bright morning star."

"4. That the advancement of any candidate could only be made when the warrant was present, and the conferring of a degree in an adjoining room, simultaneously, with the working of a degree in the Lodge room, was illegal and must be discontinued."

He had been asked to allow a petition to be presented to Grand Lodge to confer the Past Master's degree upon a brother who had been Secretary of a Lodge more than 40 years, but had never served as Warden. He informed the brother making the request, that "Section 28 of the Constitution prohibited the Grand Lodge from conferring honorary rank upon any but its own members."

Such being the law in Canada, how came it to pass that, in the list of Past Grand Masters present at the Communication under review, there appeared the name of Past Grand Master of New York, William A. Sutherland, as "(honorary)"? Please explain, Brother Robertson.

The Grand Master's rulings on physical qualifications of applicants for the degrees were in effect what he said in conclusion of that subject, viz.:

"Shortly, a candidate must be physically capable of performing all the requirements from the Entered Apprentice to the Master degrees, both inclusive."

The Grand Master's official visits were not numerous; yet in making them, he had journeyed over 12,000 miles and more; he had also written 1,200, and more, letters. His exalted position was, obviously, no sinecure.

A pleasing episode after the delivery of the address, was the presentation of a "double Jubilee Medal" to the oldest living Past Grand Master, M.: W.: Bro. Stevenson, commemorating his Masonic Jubilee and the Jubilee year of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that he had received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer \$34,377.19.

In the summary of expenditures for the year ending May 31, 1906, we find the handsome sum of \$1,000.00 donated by our Canadian Brethren to the earthquake-and-fire sufferers in California.

Last year, the Semi-Centennial of Grand Ldg., an effort was begun to raise a fund of \$100,000.00 to be known as the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Thus far, contributions have amounted to \$30,389.29.

Grand Master Burritt thought that by well devised plans the rest of the proposed fund—about \$69,000.00 could be easily raised.

The Grand Treasurer's Balance Sheet, May 31, 1906, shows balance to credit of General Fund to be \$111,344.08. Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, in securities, balance, May 31, 1906. \$24,914.83.

Total of payments to beneficiaries, by Grand Treasurer, \$22,110.00.

The reports of the 21 District Deputies occupy 226 pages of the printed proceedings, and by their thoroughness bring the Grand Lodge, as well as each individual reader, into close

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touch with each Subordinate Lodge. The tabulated statement of the year's work appended to each report, furnishes a comprehensive summary of the whole field.

On recommendation of the Board of Benevolence the Grand Master's remittance of \$1,000.00 to California, was approved.

The Report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On a favorable special report of the same Board, recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta was adopted with the expression of best wishes for the progress and prosperity of this new sister Grand Lodge.

Also recognition was extended to the "Grand Lodge of Queensland," and exchange of representation invited.

Minority rule does not appeal to our sense of what is the right thing to do. Less than one-third of the Queensland Lodges participated in the movement.

The Board on Fraternal Dead made fitting report which was received and adopted.

Ottawa was selected as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With wonted ability M.: W.: Brother Henry Robertson reviews the proceedings of 63 Grand Lodges (two for 2 years, presenting the best thoughts found in the various volumes reviewed. Alabama 1905 receives brief but courteous notice.

Bro. James H. Burritt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Hugh Murray, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

46TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Bro. Charles F. Painter, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 186—Lodges U. D. 3—Membership, 11,501
—Net gain, 508.

This somewhat portly volume opened with a portrait of Grand Master-Elect Bro. Arthur Edgar Jones, and with one, of P. G. M. Lawrence Nichols Greenleaf, the able and faithful Cor-

respondent of his Grand Lodge, for 23 years, and whose poetical effusions have been classed very high by no less able a critic than Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley.

At the opening of Grand Lodge all but one of the Grand officers were in their places (the Senior Grand Warden having died.) Twenty Past Grand Masters (another record breaker) were reported present; besides the Representatives of forty-five Sister Grand Jurisdictions, P. G. M. Ernest LeNeve Foster representing Alabama as he never fails to do.

These Grand Representatives were received and welcomed with the usual formalities. Fraternal greetings were received from the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, with assurance of his willing services, if ever needed.

The Grand Master's address evinces his administration of Grand Lodge affairs as conspicuously efficient.

He tenderly and eloquently commemorated the virtues of the lately deceased Brothers—Past Grand Master Albert H. Branch and Senior Grand Warden John Humphries.

He had granted dispensations for organizing three new Lodges, and had issued thirty-seven special dispensations for various purposes—fifteen of them being permissions to waive time in acting on petitions and conferring degrees.

He submitted no decisions, all questions having been answered by reference to the law and approved decisions of his predecessors.

A record of his forty visitations occupies nine and a half pages, containing special interest for the several Lodges visited.

In reference to his call upon the Lodges to aid the San Francisco sufferers by the earthquake and fire, April, 1906, the Lodges liberally and promptly acted, contributing the sum of \$3,754.70. In person or by proxy, he had laid three cornerstones; but, very properly as we think, had refused to lay the corner-stone of El Jbel Temple, Mystic Shrine, it not being a Masonic building, or such a public building as is contemplated by Masonry.

Under the head "Requests", thirty-six paragraphs occur—some granted, and some made by Lodges through him.

All, save three, returns had been received from the Lodges, although some made a very close shave of the time limit. Secretaries cannot be too careful to avoid giving the Grand Secretary unnecessary trouble both in respect of promptness and of accuracy in making Lodge Returns.

As showing the prosperity of this Grand Lodge we note that, Sept. 18, 1906, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer—General Fund and Library Fund—was the neat sum of \$25,292.02.

The Grand Secretary's report is a painstaking document. He states "Total cash in Treasurer's hands," as \$24,705.26. The date not being given, we infer that the discrepancy between his, and the Grand Treasurer's statement of amount on hand is easily explainable.

Past Grand Master Ernest LeNeve Foster's report from the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, was a satisfactory document, showing the Fund to be in a healthy condition, also detailing benevolences dispersed. The total receipts from 1902 to 1906 inclusive were \$12,187.94.

"There are only seven Lodges which have failed to contribute to this Fund."

M.: W.: Bro. Greenleaf's annual report on Foreign Correspondence, was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized, but the Queensland matter was postponed until next Annual.

The impressive report of the Committee on Necrology was such as only M.: W.: Bro. Greenleaf can prepare. Read, received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

The oration by Grand Orator Bro. J. B. Haffy was able and instructive. One short paragraph thereof, is as follows:

"It has been said that Free Masonry followed closely wherever civilization was planted. It is my belief, in which I think I am borne out by the history of the world, that Masonry pre-

ceded civilization, and in most instances was the civilizing influence."

It will surely be conceded that Freemasonry is a great civilizer, but it can not be successfully denied that Christianity has done a great work on that line.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in regard to the celebration, of the Bi-Centenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1917, was read, received and referred to a committee, to report thereon at the next Annual Communication. Charters were granted to 3 Lodges U. D.

A very able and comprehensive "Memorial Regarding the Powers and Prerogatives of Grand Lodges" was presented by Past Grand Master Henry M. Teller, and, at his request, referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The memorial covers eight and one-half closely printed pages. It traverses the whole field of inquiry, and in the writer's humble opinion, conclusively shows that the Grand Lodge (York Rite) holds exclusive Jurisdiction of Symbolic Masonry in any given territory it visits.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the same be published in full in the printed Proceedings, for the information of the Craft, and, if desired, that the same be acted on at the next Annual. Adopted.

The same committee reported favorably on those portions of the Grand Master's address referred to it, and relating to requests, refusals, remands, by-laws and invasion of Jurisdiction; and the report of the committee was adopted.

The customary Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master. The new Grand Master, after installation, and after the various committees had reported, made a short, pertinent address, which was followed by short, entertaining and instructive speeches by a few eminent Brethren. And Grand Lodge was closed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is, of course, presented by

the accomplished Chairman of the Committee, Past Grand Master Lawrence Nichols Greenleaf, who in the compass of 225 printed pages, furnishes a very excellent epitome of the proceedings of 63 Grand Lodges—six of them for 2 years.

Alabama—1905 receives a most courteous attention. Grand Master H. H. Matthews' address is styled a "businesslike review of his official acts."

Brother Greenleaf thinks illiterates are not good material for our mystic edifice, and so, under favor, think we. He is opposed to making public, through postal cards, the name of the defendant at a coming trial. Until the Brother was found guilty, the Lodge should have been forbidden to have his name smirched through such publicity.

He also thinks a suspended Mason wearing a Masonic emblem, guilty of a Masonic offense. Such a man is guilty of false pretense.

Brother Greenleaf's remark personal to the writer, is highly valued. Dear Brother, "Masonry is a law unto itself." Be the case one of restoration by the Grand Lodge to Masonic rights, or the setting aside of the verdict of the Grand Lodge, all the same we still think that unanimous consent of the Lodge essential to the offender's restoration to membership.

This review by Brother Greenleaf is "full of meat." Passing matters of interest, in his paper, so numerous that they defy our space to hold them, and merely expressing our satisfaction at finding under Maryland the following:

"We personally favor a *dimit* "without let or hindrance" as a Mason's inherent right," we quote from his conclusion the following:

"The Fraternity has indeed become a world-power in all that makes for progress and the betterment of humanity."

"In the direction of charity and loving kindness, it is dotting our own land with homes and shelter for aged and indigent brethren, their widows and orphans. Where these are deemed impracticable it extends its helping hand through the medium of relief funds established for that purpose. Looking abroad, the charities dispersed by the Grand Lodge of the British Isles are of such munificent proportions as to excite our wonder and admiration. Their progeny, wherever the flag of

England floats, following the parental example, make it their first thought to establish permanent Benevolent Funds, and the work of relief accomplished through such means forms a large part of their Proceedings."

"A brief glance at the charitable work of the German Grand Lodges reveals a record still more wonderful."

Adding his figures giving the number of charitable institutions supported by each of these Grand Lodges, we find a total of 958 such charities. How much soever we may criticize German Masonry, those Brethren do have, in their Benevolences, a big amount on the credit side of their account.

We close our review of Colorado with the following beautiful lines composed by our gifted Bro. Greenleaf:

"The Temple of the Universe, which God himself hath made,
With what a grand Mosaic is its beauteous pavement laid.
Tall mountains with cloud-chapiters the fabric rests upon.
Roofed with the blue, ethereal sky, illuminated by the sun,
'Mid songs of birds and murmuring streams, and thunders deep
and loud,
The novice makes his progress from the cradle to the shroud.

What honored names on history's page, o'er whose brave deeds
we pore,
Have knelt before our sacred shrine and trod the checkered
floor,
Kings, princes, statesmen, heroes, lords, who squared their ac-
tions true,
Between the pillars of the porch they pass in long review.
O, Brothers! what a glorious thought for us to dwell upon;
The Mystic Tie which binds our hearts, bound that of WASH-
INGTON.

Although our past achievements we with conscious pride re-
view,
As long as there's Rough Stones, there is work for us to do.
We still must shape the Living Stones with instruments of love,
For that eternal mansion in the Paradise above;
Toil as we've toiled in ages past, to carry out the plan,
'Tis this: the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man."

Bro. Arthur E. Jones, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Charles H. Jacobson, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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119TH ANNUAL—NEW HAVEN—JANUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 110—All but one represented—No. of affiliates, 20,752—No. of paying members, 15,889—Gain for the year, 665.

Two Emergent Communications had been held, on funeral Bro. Benj. F. Turner, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Two Emergent Communications had been held, on funeral occasions—one to bury Past Grand Master Frederick S. Stevens, the other, to pay the same sad tribute to the memory of the late Grand Treasurer, Miles G. Graves.

The Grand Officers being at their posts and a quorum of Lodge representatives being present, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, at its 119th Annual Communication, with 14 Past Grand Masters in attendance as well as the Grand Representatives of 33 Sister Jurisdictions, including Alabama.

A distinguished visitor, in the person of Past Grand Master, Bro. Hamilton Wallace of New Jersey, was announced, received and welcomed with the Grand Honors. After the announcement of committee, Grand Master B. F. Turner delivered his annual address which evinced faithful discharge of the important duties of his high office.

He paid fitting and eloquent tribute to the late M.: W.: Brother Frederick S. Stevens, and R.: W.: Bro. Miles Wells Graves, late Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master's visitations were quite numerous and very interesting.

He justly lauded the Masonic Home, and its efficient manager, Brother Rowland.

He made his politest bow to the ladies of the Eastern Star, who merit all of the encomiums that can be passed upon them.

He issued twenty-one dispensations—all strictly within his prerogative.

We note that, April 30, 1906, he commissioned, as Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, M.: W.: Brother Robert J. Redden—a No. 1 selection.

The reports of the District Deputies of the nine Masonic districts are noticed in the address, and therefrom we receive the impression that, as a whole the Lodges are in good condition.

The address, or report of the Deputy Grand Masters showed that said officer had not been an idler.

January 11, 1907, the Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$8,280.12.

M.: W.: Brother John H. Barlow is a model Grand Secretary. With pardonable pride he thus opens his annual report:

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge:"

"As the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, I extend you the greeting of the 2,500 Lodges and 125,000 Masons under that Grand Jurisdiction. In presenting my thirteenth annual report I congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the completion of another prosperous year, exceeding that of any year of its history. The work of my office has been pleasant, and plenty of it, and it is with a deep sense of gratification that I have not been prevented by sickness a single day from attending to its duties."

Congratulations, Brother, and may you long continue on the same line!

Brother Barlow states the total contribution for the California sufferers, as \$5,671.43.

That was very fine.

The Grand Secretary had returns from all the 110 Lodges and dues from all except two.

Number initiated, 1,130—Passed, 1,125—Raised, 1,128—Lodge No. ... is the banner Lodge for work, having raised 66 during the year.

The largest Lodge, numerically, has 766 members—the smallest, has 42 members—the average membership of the 110 Lodges is 188.

Appreciating the need of increased accommodations for many eligibles to the Masonic Home, including hospital donations, etc., Grand Lodge appointed, last year, a special committee to take the matter in all its bearings, into consideration, and to report at this communication. This committee appointed a sub-committee of nine to investigate the whole subject. The sub-

committee reported back three resolutions to the general committee which adopted the same and reported to Grand Lodge said resolutions the purport of which was as follows:

1st. That the incoming Grand Master be requested to issue a letter under the seal of the Grand Lodge calling upon the craft throughout the jurisdiction to contribute so much as lies in their power, towards defraying the cost of building the proposed addition to the Home, and directing the W. M. of each Lodge to appoint a committee of not less than three members to solicit such contributions. This resolution may be adopted with the insertion of the words, "and of maintaining the same" after the word "Home."

The second resolution calling for a per capita tax of 25 cents to be used for completion of the proposed addition, was lost.

The third resolution calling for the payment of \$5.00 for each initiation after April 1st, 1907, said amount to be paid by each candidate with his fee, was after an animated discussion, laid on the table.

The Committee on Grievances was "out of a job", happily.

The Finance Committee recommended that each Lodge be required to pay Grand Lodge annually \$1.00 for each member on the roll, leaving out those exempt from Lodge dues, by 30 years' good standing. The committee also recommended that 25 per cent. of the amount so received be used to defray the expenses of Grand Lodge, and that 75 per cent. be appropriated to the Masonic Charities Foundation of Connecticut. Adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that no business had come before it. Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized, also the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico.

The Committee on Memorials made fitting report closing with the beautiful sentiment:

"Ulahlu! Ulahlu!
Soft fall the dew
On the head and the feet
Of the good and the true."

Artistic portraits of M.: W.: Frederick A. Stevens, and R.: W.: Miles G. Graves—both deceased—embellish this volume, also one, of the retiring Grand Master.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Our highly esteemed contemporary, Past Grand Master John H. Barlow, Committee on Correspondence, presents his thirteenth annual report, which is fully up to the high standard of its predecessors. Within the compass of 134 pages he furnishes reading matter of the best quality. The writer draws great encouragement from the fact the Brother Barlow and himself are in hearty accord on so many points of opinion. True, he does not agree with us as to reversal by Grand Lodge restoring to membership, without the consent of the Lodge. Well, we suppose we must "let him alone" on that subject.

Alabama—1905 receives about three pages of his really valuable space. He quotes the "timely conclusion" of Grand Master H. H. Matthews.

He thinks it would be well for all Grand Lodges to adopt a regulation similar to the Alabama resolution insisting upon the application of wholesome discipline by the Lodges, as to the use of intoxicants.

The writer greatly appreciates his frequent reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

Should we bring in all the points of interest touched upon in Brother Barlow's review, it would require pages and pages. So we content ourselves with quoting his closing remarks, as follows:

CONCLUSION.

Once more we have completed our annual round and present the result of our labors. From every Jurisdiction comes the cheering words peace, harmony and prosperity. No new questions presented and there is little to say in conclusion. Perhaps, the one question, perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, which is held by many jurisdictions; a respectable minority at least, is in danger of causing contention unless jurisdictions which do not hold that regulation respect those that do. Our own jurisdiction contends for that doctrine, while some of our near-by sister jurisdictions claim it only for twelve months, and some of our rejected material go over the line simply gain a residence, and come back to us full-fledged Masons. This, we think, is a breach of Masonic courtesy that ought not to be.

The past year, like those which have preceded it, has brought sorrow to many hearts in the loss of loved ones. Four of our associates, in the Correspondence Guild, have laid down their pens and answered the final summons. Thomas Milburne Reed, of Washington, Charles Ingoldsby, of South Carolina, Albert S. Wait, of New Hampshire, and Andrew H. Barkly, of Mississippi, all of whom have been long in the service. We extend sincere sympathy to those who mourn their loss. To all of our companions of the Guild we extend fraternal greeting and wish them a happy New York."

JOHN H. BARLOW,

Committee on Correspondence."

"Hartford. January 1st, 1907."

Bro. Andrew J. Hallock, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. John H. Barlow (P. G. M.), R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

COSTA RICA.

ANNUAL—SAN JOSE—JANUARY, 1905.

Bro. Tomas Povedano, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 8—Membership, 207.

This neat pamphlet is embellished with portraits of Grand Master-Elect Antonio Castro Q. and the new Grand Secretary Diego Povedano.

During the year, two Quarterly Communications, three Extraordinary, and the Grand Annual were held. Nothing of especial interest to Alabama readers transpired at these several meetings, save that vigorous life appears to be possessed by this young Grand Lodge, and that order and dignity seem to pervade all its sayings and doings.

We shall be pardoned, doubtless, for extracting briefly from the Grand Master's address. Referring to those publications, which he had "formulated with the view of avoiding the descent of Costa Rican Masonry on the inclined plane of Materialism, which today saps the world, and which unhappily obscures the light of our ideal, he says:

"In these works I proposed to demonstrate that negligence, and the deviation from our true standpoints and elevated aims, are a gangrene that may extinguish the institution if ignoring the opinions that generally predominate, we lack the courage to face them."

"With only palliations and tenseless formulae, we shall see the importance of this Order decline to the point of extinction, in the same manner as every organism, of whatever kind it be, that fails to perform faithfully the part it was destined to realize, always perishes. In order to avoid this, it is necessary for us to penetrate the inner spirit of Masonic teachings, free from all prejudice. Let us keep always before us that Masonry excludes in its affiliated distinctions of religion, nationality, race, rank and social position; that it is a school in which independent intelligence should be formed, thinkers and sages apt in carrying light to their brothers, with the view to the arrival of a day when by means of tolerance, respect for right and paternal love, we may see reigning in the world an universal morality whose benefits may reach all beings."

The Grand Secretary presents a carefully prepared, painstaking report condensing the details of the year's work, in an admirable manner.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$304.70. On the list of Grand Lodges holding official Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, we count 58 Jurisdictions.

Bro. Antonio Castro Q., M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Diego Povedano, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

COSTA RICA.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION—SAN JOSE—JANUARY, 1907.

Bro. Antonio Castro Q., M.: W.: Grand Master.

The handsome pamphlet, printed in English, which is before us, contains records of three Quarterly Communications held respectively in May, August, and November, 1906; a "Festival Lodge", June 24, 1906—St. John Baptist's Day; Annual—"Opening Session" Jan. 25th, 1907, and "Closing Session" Feb. 28, 1907. (We do not understand why the opening and closing of the Annual were a month apart.)

These proceedings are orderly and businesslike. It is a pleasure to note that our Ambassador, Bro. Felix Echeverria, was at his post. It is also a distinct pleasure to observe that the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica is determined in its loyalty to the Ancient Landmarks.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance cash on hand of \$542.05 to credit of Grand Lodge.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations, recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was deferred, as also was that of Haiti, or rather the latter was "held over," but official relations were established with the following Grand Lodges, viz.: Grand Orient, of Italy; Grand Lodges, of Greece, Hungary, Prussia, and Egypt; with the Grand Orients of Brazil and Portugal and with Sup. Coun. of Argentina.

At the Festival Lodge, 24th June, "A collection was taken up on behalf of the distressed."

Grand Master Castro declining to serve any longer, Past Grand Master Tomas Povedano was unanimously elected to that high office, though with reluctance on his part. He will make a wise and thoughtful administrator of Grand Lodge affairs. With him at the head and the very efficient Grand Secretary at hand, the Grand Lodge should flourish.

We cannot end this hurried look at Costa Rica Grand Lodge better than by extracting a paragraph from Grand Master-Elect Povedano's address ("Allocution"). It is as follows:

"Taking immediate advantage of the privileges of my official position, I appeal to my Worshipful Brethren—the Masters of Lodges—to observe a scrupulous vigilance over the material which may be brought forward for admittance to our institution: no words of mine can too strongly impress on you that it is quality, and not quantity, that our Order demands. We must be especially careful to avoid introducing into our Lodges anyone whose conduct may in any way reflect dishonor on our choice, or disgrace on our ancient and honorable institution. At the same time, it must be borne in mind that the almost autocratic powers of a Worshipful Master should be exercised with prudence, impartiality and rectitude: no man is infallible, and the welcome acceptance of better counsel is the surest method of overcoming opposition, and of tempering the passions of others. The only true authority is that which, based on justice and discretion, merits the approbation of those whose suffrages have raised us to power."

Bro. Tomas Povedano, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Diego Povedano, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CUBA.

At this late hour, here come the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba for 1906-1907. Our acquaintance with the Spanish Language being so extremely limited, we must content ourselves with extracting a few paragraphs of Grand Master Pellen's fine address, and with a very brief reference to the Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by the gifted Rodriguez.

In his address of 1905, M.: W.: Bro. Jose F. Pellen, Grand Master, had given utterance to words which deserved to be preserved in letters of Gold. They were the following:

"Remember that tolerance with the opinion of others and moderation in your own, are characteristic virtues of the true Mason."

In his address at the Communication under review, he well said:

"The influence of our fraternal Association has always been fruitful, here as elsewhere; but in the actual moment, it has to be highly useful, more so than in any other, in order to obtain the firm establishment of peace and by so doing practicing the true principles of the Craft.

The sons of Cuba being deeply separated, Freemasonry is the institution destined to unite them with the strong bonds of fraternal love. Brethren bearing different political ideals and aims, meet in the Lodges; there they must respect and love each other, acquiring the moral elements necessary to realize such beneficent mission outside the closed recint of the Lodge, conveying to the outer world in order to practice and propagate among strangers to Freemasonry the fraternal principles of our Institution, as the accumulators are charged with electricity at the dynamos to be used later by industry, either as mechanical power; or as producers of a dazzling light.

Let us accumulate, Worshipful Brethren, in the Lodge and by the healthful heat of tolerance and love to be found there, all the fraternal fluid that our hearts are able to contain so that in leaving the Temple, we may convey by our common efforts to the press, the club, the meeting, and the polis, the powerful strength of love and the dazzling light of tolerance, that law and justice may reign forever."

And elsewhere in the address we find the following worthy sentiments:

Let us also preserve, as much as possible, the usages and ceremonies of the Masonic ritual, heedless of those who sustain that these are needless and ridiculous.

You all know that the characteristic of military drill is the rapidity of the movements. But observe at any post of the American Army of Pacification now in Cuba the act of guard mounting or that of lowering or hoisting the national flag; you will see how calmly, how slowly and with how many details in the ceremonies these acts take place; you will see the seriousness with which daily, without any changes, are these ceremonies performed. Superficial and thoughtless people will perhaps think that these acts might be performed without any solemnity, finding the ceremonies unnecessary and ridiculous; but ask any officer the reason of such solemnities and he will answer you: "without them the mind of the soldier would not be impressed as it is on such occasions; that shows him the great and deep love for the flag, the symbol of the country, and the necessity of keeping the oaths sworn before her."

Anything which is done disdainfully and carelessly is never respected and respect imposes seriousness and attention on the acts executed.

To be scrupulous about the acceptance of candidates, without paying tribute to a mistaken spirit of proselitism, must also be one of our firm resolutions. My Masonic practice authorizes me to tell you that the too rapid growth of Lodges resembles the early and abnormal development of some human being, which carries along with it the germ of hidden infirmities which soon destroys that apparently robust organization. *Chi va piano va lontano*, says an Italian proverb, which we must always keep in our minds.

We must also remember that our Institution is not prepared for gay public exhibitions and we must be sluggish in accepting what has been called among us *Masonic exteriorization*. Freemasonry, as the Biblical tree, must be known by its fruits; let us accomplish good deeds and they will be our best and surest exteriorization."

Our eminent Brother Rodriguez, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, makes what we take to be a very able report.

Alabama receives very courteous notice in nearly half a page. For personal mention he will please accept our sincere thanks. We beg to assure him that Cuba—1905-1906 did not reach us.

Brother Rodriguez intimates that probably our ignorance of Spanish furnished the reason for our failure to notice the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge of the preceding year. The reason

was, in fact, that those Proceedings failed to materialize on our table. Had they come to hand we should not have ignored them.

The portrait of the Grand Master-Elect presents a pleasing profile on the initial page of this volume.

Bro. Fernando Figueredo, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. Carlos G. Charles, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY—WILMINGTON—JUNE, 1906.

This well executed and very handsome little volume, recording the proceedings at the celebration of the attainment by the Grand Lodge of Delaware, of its one-hundredth "mile post", is beautifully embellished with medallion portraits of the fifteen committeemen on said Anniversary, grouped on ivory finished page, also with "Meeting Place of Grand Lodge, 1806," and "Meeting Place of Grand Lodge, 1906," together represented on one page, together with cut of the Centennial Bronze Medal and Gold Scuvenir Pin presented to each member of the Jurisdiction.

This Centennial was a notable occasion. To it were gathered a host of the Delaware Brethren, as well as a large number of visitors from Sister Grand Jurisdictions, including the M.: W.: Grand Masters of New Jersey, and Virginia—Past Grand Masters of New Jersey. Grand Wardens and Grand Secretaries of Connecticut and of New Jersey, Grand Warden of Pennsylvania besides two District Deputies from the same state.

The addresses on said occasion were, without exceptions, apt and eloquent as well as wise and witty.

Conspicuous among them were the magnificent speech of Bro. United States Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa and the exceptionally fine addresses of Deputy Grand Master John L. Kinsey of Pennsylvania and that of Grand Master Levin Irving Handy of Delaware.

An historical sketch of Grand Lcdge from 1806 to 1906, by R.: W.: Bro. L. H. Jackson, forms a very valuable reference document for our Delaware Brethren.

An original poem of much merit, and suited to the occasion was written by Past Master Howell S. England, and read to the assembled throng.

DELAWARE.

101ST ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—OCTOBER, 1906.

Bro. Levin Irvington Handy, M.: W.: Grand Master.

A portrait of M.: W.: Brother Handy adorns the first page of this excellently printed volume.

No. of Ldges, 22—Present Membership, 2,772.

During the year four Special Communications were held—one, to lay a corner-stone, two to dedicate Lodge halls, and one (June 7, 1906) to celebrate the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

The last named occasion was a notable one. Five other Grand Jurisdictions were represented at the same, while congratulatory telegrams were received from four or five other States.

When the Annual Communication was opened there were eleven Past Grand Masters reported present together with a large number cf other Permanent members.

We fail to find report of Grand Representatives present.

In his address the Grand Master, speaking of Subordinate Lodges, gave utterance to words which should sink deep into the hearts cf his Brethren. Some, not having absorbed the lessons of symbolic Masonry, look with indifference upon the Lodge after they have taken the degrees, and have made occasional visits to its communications; others regard it as a mere stepping-stone. Such Masons might read, with profit if not pleasure, the following:

"INTEREST IN SUBORDINATE LODGES."

"The real seat of Masonic interest is in the Subordinate Lodges. The older members of the Grand Lodge, who have been coming here for many years, have a natural attachment for the Grand Lodge as such; but I believe it is true that no Mason will long keep a true and warm interest in Masonic

matters if he neglects his Subordinate Lodge, attends none of its meetings and gets out of touch with its membership. Our Masonic obligations were taken at the altar of a Subordinate Lodge, and it is by gathering around that same altar that we are most likely to preserve their binding effect on mind and conscience. It was in a Subordinate Lodge that we first observed the chaste beauty of Masonic symbols, and there that we first heard the lofty principles of right living which Masonry inculcates. It is by regular attendance at the Subordinate Lodge that the light by which Masons work and live may most surely continue to shine and illumine our minds and make plain the path of duty. You have been instructed before from this Grand East concerning the evils of non-affiliation, and I now call your attention to a sort of legalized non-affiliation. It is the condition of the Mason who is affiliated in form and non-affiliated in fact. His name remains on the list, but his person does not appear in the Lodge room. He pays his dues—Masonic dues are always and properly right—but he pays no attention to Masonic duty. Every now and then he comes to Lodge on election night because he has been summoned, and possibly he wears a Masonic emblem in the hope that some brother may note it and thereby he may receive the benefit of Masonic love and confidence. That is something he is still ready to receive, although he no longer has any of it to give. He is non-affiliated in everything except in name, and all of the evils of non affiliation surround Masonry such as his. Affiliation means more than mere payment of dues. It means an interest in Masonry and in brother Masons and it demands attention to the affairs of the Subordinate Lodge.

The Grand Master has made official visits to all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and was much gratified by his cordial reception everywhere.

Referring to the subject of "Fund for the California Earthquake Sufferers," he stated that the total amount raised for the relief of those sufferers, and sent to Grand Master, Motley M. Flint, was \$1,836.85. "The full sum of \$1,836.85 reached the sufferers without the deduction of so much as a postage stamp."

Under the heading, "Growth and Rejected Applicants," appears the following forcible expression:

"The black ball which represents spite or prejudice or personal enmity and ill-will, is unworthy of any Mason. It proves not that the applicant ought to be kept out, but that somebody is already in who ought to be put out."

With the Grand Master's four decisions presented, the writer

can find no fault, unless it be with the third, which reads as follows:

"No. 3. I decided that it is no Masonic offense for a member in good standing in a Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, but living in another Grand Jurisdiction, to become a member of a Masonic Lodge in the other Grand Jurisdiction without having severed his connection with our Lodge, provided the law of the other Grand Jurisdiction permits double membership and the brother is innocent of all deception in making his application there. Double membership is not possible in this Jurisdiction because our Lodges are forbidden to receive an applicant for membership unless accompanied by evidence that the brother has severed his connection with his former Lodge. But that law is different in some other Grand Jurisdictions, and if one of our members chooses to join a Masonic Lodge in a Jurisdiction where such membership is permitted, without taking a dimitt from the home Lodge in this Jurisdiction, his action is not an offense against our law and furnishes no reason why he may not subsequently apply for, and receive a dimitt. When a Mason has double membership, suspension or expulsion from either Lodge to which he belongs, suspends or expels him from both."

The committee on Grand Master's address containing his decisions, approved all except No. 3, of which the committee said:

"Regarding Decision No. 3, while we do not encourage dual membership, we would recommend that all this decision be approved except the last clause, "when a Mason has double membership, suspension or expulsion from either Lodge to which he belongs, suspends or expels him from both." This part of the decision we do not approve, as no member can be suspended or expelled without due Masonic trial."

But Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master.

The Committee on Centennial Celebration, held May 7, 1906, reported what it had done with the money which had been received therefor. It had used all of the \$4,687.89 contributed except \$498.49.

The Committee on Grand Charity Fund reported on hand \$1,806.96.

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence was received, accepted and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the same committee recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The "Committee on New Flag" reported its action in devis-

ing and procuring a flag for Grand Lodge. It had "procured a flag of white field with square and compasses and letter G. emblazoned thereon." The committee stated that the flag was now displayed from the roof of the building.

The respective chairmen of the three Lodges of Instruction made brief reports from their several Districts,—quite satisfactory, on the whole.

In Delaware the Lodge doors are shut against liquor dealers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Deputy Grand Master, Brother L. H. Jackson, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, in his wonted concise style, furnishes an excellent synopsis of the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges, within the space of eighty-eight pages.

Under Alabama—1905, Brother Jackson says:

"We are both surprised and pleased to note the large amount of Masonic work done in Alabama year after year. It is truly a live Jurisdiction, and we congratulate its Craftsmen on the interest manifested and the wonderful degree of prosperity enjoyed." (Brother, if, to one man more than to any other, credit therefor is due, that man is Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Beauchamp—a tireless worker, perfectly versed in all the work and lectures of Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic, and Templar Masonry, including all the ceremonials. He is a wonderful man.)

For courteous reference personal to the writer, and for his endorsement of the writer's "Conclusion," Brother Jackson will please accept grateful acknowledgment.

Personally we concur with our Brother of Delaware as to the fitness (unfitness rather) of illiterates for introduction into the Masonic Family.

We close our review of Delaware with the following short paragraph penned by Bro. Jackson in his review of Illinois:

"There is getting to be the use of entirely too much "red tape" in Masonry when Lodges cannot communicate with each other and prefer their legitimate requests of Fraternal courtesy, except through the official correspondence of Grand Masters."

Yea, verily! We are with you, Brother Jackson.

Bro. Robert K. Stephenson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Benjamin F. Bartram, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

96TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—DECEMBER, 1906.

Number of Lodges, 27—Members, 7,999—Net gain, 273.

Bro. Walter A. Brwn, M.: Grand Master.

A portrait of Grand Master W. A. Brown adorns the first page of this volume of proceedings, which presents the records of six Special Communications, viz.: two for attending funerals—those of Past Grand Masters Thos. F. Gibbs and George H. Walker; three for the purpose of laying cornerstones, and one for dedicating the west wing (now completed) of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home; three stated Communications; the Annual Communication; and St. John's Day Communication, Dec. 27, 1906.

Exemplification of the work in the E. A. Degree was the feature of the First Stated Communication.

At the Second Stated Communication, a very interesting supplementary report in reference to the memorial services, in honor of Bro. John Paul Jones, at Annapolis, Md., April 24, 1906, was made by the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. In the course of his report, M.: W.: Bro. Baird, Chairman, said:

"The Lodge of *Neuf Scours* of which Bro. Jones was a member, was founded by the philosopher Helvetius. Benjamin Franklin was a Master of the Lodge when Jones affiliated with it. Among its members were Count de Provence, afterwards King of France; DeLande, Voltaire, Veney, Greuze and Hardin. The marble bust of Jones was made by the celebrated Hardin for the Lodge, and the likeness and measurements from this bust were used in the identification of the body. The French Academy, after an extensive examination, not only of measurements and marks, but of the inroads of the disease of which Bro. Jones died, pronounced it the body of the great Commodore."

The entire report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

At this Communication impressive memorials of the late Past Grand Master Thos. F. Gibbs, and Past Grand Master

Geo. Harcld Walker, were presented and adopted by rising votes.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, on recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence.

At the Third Stated Communication the Jurisprudence Committee reported that it had been unable to obtain sufficient information upon which to act upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition. The Chairman of the Committee therefore moved that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the matter, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Correspondence Carried.

The Committee on By-Laws reported favorably among a few other matters, an amendment to the By-Laws of _____ Lodge No._____, which had added to Art. IV of its By-Laws the following:

"Sec. 7. The funeral committee shall consist of the officers of the Lodge and twenty-five resident members. The names of the twenty-five members shall be taken on the occasion of each funeral from the roll of the Lodge in which they appear alphabetically; and it shall be the duty of each member of said committee to attend the funeral for which his name is drawn, or furnish a substitute or a reasonable excuse for his non-compliance with this By-Law."—Received and ordered spread on the minutes.

We have quoted the foregoing because it is too often the case that it is difficult to secure a good attendance at Masonic burials.

The Committee appointed to consider a plan for the general observance of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England reported that it had received replies from twenty-three Grand Lodges out of seventy-three which had been addressed upon the subject, and only one Grand Lodge—that of Ireland—in the twenty-three which did send reply, had approved the plan suggested. In making this partial report the Committee intimated that, since Grand Lodges were so slow in answering the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia had taken action none too soon.

The Grand Secretary asked, and was granted permission to drop from the register of Grand Lodges in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the following, they being declared clandestine or clandestine and extinct:

"Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico—Grand Lodge Hidalgo—Grand Lodge Jacob de Molay—Grand Lodge of Jalisco—Grand Lodge of Lower California—Grand Lodge of Morelos—Grand Lodge of Oaxaca—Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz—Grand Lodge Vincente Guerro."

Grand Lodge fully endorsed as satisfactory the efforts made and the results achieved by the Masonic Temple Association in its management of the New Temple to be built, and flatly refused to substitute the Grand Lodge for said Association in the enterprise.

It is ordered that each Constituent Lodge in the Jurisdiction shall pay twenty-five cents per capita annually for the maintenance of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and the officer or officers of the Home are to have exclusive control of the funds thus raised for the maintenance, etc., of said Home.

December 19th, 1906, the Grand Annual was opened in Ample Form, all the Grand Officers at their posts save the Deputy Grand Master retained at home on account of the illness of a member of his family. Eight Past Grand Masters manifested their interest in Masonry by being present.

The Grand Master's address makes it manifest that his administration of Grand Lodge affairs was, from first to last, a successful one; that he was thoroughly alive to the interests of the Craft; that he ruled in strict accordance with his sense of right, without fear or favor.

His few decisions seem, to the writer, conformable to good Masonic law and usage. One of them involved a quite lengthy explanation and wound up as follows:

"In conclusion, I am of the opinion that objection by a member of a Lodge to his Lodge conferring a degree as an act of courtesy, requested by a Lodge of a Sister Jurisdiction does not lie in the Lodge requested to confer the degree, and that the Lodge, by a majority vote, is the judge whether it will con-

fer the degree or not; and I recommend that the precedence outlined herein be followed in cases like those stated."

It is hardly necessary to explain that a member of a Lodge had objected to the conferring of a degree as an act of courtesy to a Lodge of a sister jurisdiction. The Master was of opinion that objection, if made, should come from the Lodge requesting the courtesy, but withheld a ruling thereupon until he should have consulted the Grand Master.

For reasons deemed sufficient, he had granted three dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, but pointedly discountenanced applications for such dispensations except in really emergent cases.

It is gratifying to note that the Constitution of this Grand Lodge requires a Grand Visitation to each subordinate Lodge at least once a year. True, compliance with such a law is easier in the District of Columbia or Rhode Island than in New York or Texas or Missouri; nevertheless it is highly desirable that Grand Masters generally should make many more visitations than they do make. Enough to say here, that Grand Master Walter A. Brown fulfilled the law in that regard.

The Grand Master informs us that the total contributions to the California sufferers by earthquake and fire, were, from Masonic sources in the District of Columbia, \$3,116.50. Good!

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Dec. 13, 1906, was the sum of \$7,881.58.

Grand Treasurer Sample made an admirable supplementary report, in which he gave Lodge Treasurers and Secretaries some very wholesome advice. Concluding, he said, (after calling the attention of the Brethren to the fact that he is required by law to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurers of the subordinate (beg pardon Bro. Baird; next time we will say, "constituent", if we think of it.) Lodges:

There are some Treasurers in our jurisdiction who take a pride in their work, whose books are neatly and properly kept and always found correct, and the examination of such is a pleasure. There are many who do their work fairly well, and a few who are apparently careless and indifferent. These last are calculated to make finance committees and other ex-

aminers lose all their religion in the vain attempt to foot units with tens and bring satisfactory results out of chaos.

Those who are handling other peoples' money cannot be too careful in our methods, and, above all, we should avoid the grave error of depositing Lodge funds in our personal accounts. Life is very uncertain, and this manner of mixing Lodge cash with that of the individual has in several instances, made Lodges wait the settlement of estates before they could touch what belonged to them. The Treasurer should be required to deposit in the name of the Lodge, and the Master should know that it is done.

It is always more agreeable for the grand officers to utter words of commendation and praise at the visitations than to feel they must criticise adversely, or, what is worse, preserve a chilly silence after the facts and figures are read.

Fraternally,

JAMES A. SAMPLE,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lecturer had made visitations to all 27 Lodges, visiting each Lodge twice, and making in all 54 visitations.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that no subject had come before it for consideration and report at this communication. Received and ordered spread upon the proceedings.

Past Grand Master Geo. W. Baird, chairman, presented his seventh annual repert on foreign correspondence. Received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

Brother Baird also made the following, instructive, special reports:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., October 24, 1906.
"To the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., District of Columbia:

"Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom you have referred the communication of M. W. Bro. Ed. Quartier-le-Tente, of the International Bureau of Masonic Intercourse, begs leave to report that in the opinion of your committee it would be very desirable to be in full communication with the above named bureau, and that the expense to this Grand Lodge would be 10 francs per Lodge, or 270 francs in all, which amounts to \$51.84 per annum.

"Your committee begs leave to invite your attention to our 1905 Report on Correspondence, p. 415, under the caption of Switzerland Alpina, in which we have declared that, in our opinion, the purposes of international communications may be better served by these correspondence reports than by an international office.

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"It may, however, be very advantageous to individual brethren who are traveling in Europe or in South America to be identified and vouched for by the international office, and for that reason also we commend the office.

"The Lodges of the District of Columbia have the largest average membership in the United States, so that the per capita expense to us would be less than to the others. There are Lodges in rural districts west of the Mississippi River having so small a membership that the tax for this purpose would be out of all proportion.

"There are about 13,135 Lodges in the United States, and if each should "adhere" the International Office would receive about 131,350 francs, or \$25,219.20 per annum, from American Masons who would be scarcely benefitted.

"We are separated from Switzerland by an ocean, ranges of mountains, lakes, rivers, etc., which our Swiss brethren may not realize. The State of Texas alone contains more square miles of area than France, Switzerland, and Belgium together. Communication between France, Belgium, and Switzerland is easy, and the same language is spoken in all of these countries. Their people mingle freely, and Masonic benefits are mutual between them.

"The office of this bureau may be of great benefit to the brethren in that region, but there is no good reason why they should expect us to contribute to its support *pro rata*.

"While we in the District of Columbia are abundantly able to contribute at the proposed rate, we would in so doing be setting an example and establishing a precedent for other American Grand Lodges which your committee does not feel justified in recommending.

"We beg leave, therefore, to recommend that the facts, figures, and reasons be communicated to M. W. Bro. Quartier-le-Tente, and suggest to him a more equitable proposition.

Fraternally submitted,

"GEORGE W. BAIRD,
"FRANK B. CURTIS,
"THOMAS CALVER,
"K. N. HARPER.
"R. B. NIXON,
"*Committee.*"

"WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1906
To the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., District of Columbia:

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave to submit the following report:

"Upon examination of all the available records we find that previous to the formation of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland there existed in Queensland a District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution, another under the Scottish, and a third under the Irish Constitution, all having concurrent jurisdiction.

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"The mistake, in our opinion, which has led to this unfortunate dispute was made when a second Grand Lodge was suffered to be installed in the colony of Queensland.

"The situation, however, is not a hopeless one. There are already indications of pacification which we hope will lead to reconciliation, but until this culminates we do not see our way clear to recommend a formal recognition of the new Grand Lodge.

"We beg leave, therefore, to recommend that action on the formal recognition of the "sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland" be deferred indefinitely.

"We further recommend, however, that our Grand Secretary be authorized to continue to exchange reports with the above mentioned Grand Lodge.

"With great respect, and fraternally,

"GEORGE W. BAIRD,
"FRANK B. CURTIS,
"THOMAS CALVER,
"K. N. HARPER,
"R. B. NIXON,
"Committee."

On motion of Past Grand Master Davis, both reports were received and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Grievances had no business, and so reported. Received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The special committee on Centennial Celebration reported satisfactory progress in its work. From the report of the committee it is learned that fifteen of the Grand Lodges in the United States have passed or reached their centennial year. Delaware observed its centennial in 1906. The fourteen others had passed theirs, viz: New Hampshire, 1889; New Jersey, 1886; New York, 1881; Vermont, 1894; Massachusetts, 1892; Rhode Island, 1891; Connecticut, 1889; Pennsylvania, 1886; Maryland, 1883; Virginia, 1878; North Carolina, 1887; South Carolina, 1877, (in dispute); Georgia, 1886; Kentucky, 1900.

"A communication from the Masonic Temple Association, inviting the co-operation of all Masonic bodies in a mammoth fair to be given under the auspices of the Association in the Spring of 1907 for the benefit of the new Masonic Temple, was read for information and ordered filed."

The St. John's Day Communication was held at the Masonic Temple at 7 p. m., on December 27, 1906.

Twelve Past Grand Masters honored the occasion and hon-

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ored themselves by being present. Likewise did the Representatives of forty Grand Jurisdictions. We are pleased to see that our envoy, Brother Francis J. Woodman, now M.: W.: Grand Master, was reported as present.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported its approval of the Grand Master's decisions, referred to itself, and recommended their adoption. Adopted.

Immediately after the election of Grand Officers the newly elected Grand made a short, appreciative address. The customary Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master; the standing committees were announced, and Grand Lodge closed in ample form, and with prayers by the Grand Chaplain.

The total receipts of the M. and E. S. Home were \$13,656.54—disbursements, \$10,711.53.

Receipts of the Masonic Board of Relief, \$480.65, all of had been disbursed save \$162.83.

The largest Lodge in the Jurisdiction has 738 members—Lafayette (19). The next in membership has 688. Benj. B. French (15).

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Past Grand Master George W. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits his seventh annual report, reviewing the proceedings of 75 Grand Lodges, in the space of about 178 pages. It is a very fine report, broad in its views, and imbued with an excellent spirit.

Alabama, 1905, is accorded three pages of courteous, fraternal notice.

Brother Baird quotes without comment three or four of our Grand Master's decisions. He says:

"much of the Grand Master's time was taken up in settling the differences between a few of the Lodges. He executed this work with tact and fairness."

He mildly chides the writer for intimating that, in the event of a majority of the Queensland Lodges adhering to the new Grand Lodge, we should not let courtesy to our brethren in Great Britain bar us from recommending recognition of the same. He says:

"After this effusion the committee recommended that the question be deferred until the next Annual Communication."

But no offense, dear Brethren. Nevertheless, we are impelled to ask if said "effusion" was not in harmony with good American doctrine?

Bro. Baird suggests that such an attitude might, under the *lex talionis* lead to some embarrassment to us, if the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were to recognize the Cerneau and Negro Lodges within our borders. But, with knowledge of the facts in the case, could they afford to do so?

He continues on the same subject as follows:

"In thinking of the above it has occurred to us that it might be some embarrassment to us if the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were to retaliate by recognizing the Cerneau and the negro Grand Lodges within our borders. There was a tacit understanding entered into between the Grand Lodge of England and a number of American Grand Lodges, many years ago, to the effect that each would respect the other's conclusion as to what lodges were proper to recognize. We can, however, but regard the attitude of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland as indulging in sophistry in regard to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, for if they recognize a plurality of Grand Lodges in one and the same territory, they cannot reasonably limit the number to three. Inasmuch as Americans are very punctilious about the principle of one Grand Lodge in one State, we may be consistent in selecting the original Grand Lodge in each British Colony and recognizing that one and no other. But would it be expedient to do so?"

He thinks "passing the hat" for that poor widow, "the correct method."

While deprecating the publishing of names in report on appeal cases, he further says of Brother Green's committee.

"The report of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions, and Appeals, is a good one. The committee handled its work without fear or favor, ignoring technicalities and adhering to Masonic principles."

He applauds M.: W.: Bro. Geo. P. Harrison's Committee, (Juryprudence) for attaching to the decision that a member, clear of the books and not under charges is entitled to a dimit if he asks for one, the proviso that granting such dimit shall not reduce the membership below the required number.

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The writer returns grateful thanks for commendatory personal remark.

Would that our space admitted some extracts from Brther Baird's able report.

Bro. Francis J. Woodman, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Br. Arvine W. Johnston, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

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QUARTERLY COM.—LONDON—SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Bro. The Hon. and Very Rev. Dean Leigh, R.: W.: Provincial Grand Master for Hereford, as Grand Master.

The first matter to engage our attention in the pamphlet before us, is the recognition accorded to two new Grand Lodges—the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico. The vote on each proposition was unanimous.

The report of the Board of Benevclence shows that, during the quarter, petitions had been received to the amount of \$9,940.00.

The principal feature of the communication was consideration of the report of a special committee on the question of dealing with the Freemasons' Tavern and adjoining premises, the property of Grand Lodge.

Considerable difference of opinion was expressed and a somewhat lengthy debate ensued; but finally a motion for adjournment of the debate was made and carried by an overwhelming majority. That motion having prevailed, no other business could be transacted until the sense of the Grand Lodge was taken on the matter in hand; so, on motion by the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary was instructed to summon an especial meeting of Grand Ledge, at a convenient date to continue discussion of that question of dealing with said Grand Lodge properties and disposing of the same.

An attempt was made to eliminate from the printed proceedings, the list of contributions covering several pages with figures (in this pamphlet, 20 pages), merely sending out the totals, quarterly, to the several Lodges.

The matter goes over until next quarterly communication.
"Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form and with solemn
prayer."

ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Especial Grand Lodge, ordered by vote at the September Quarterly, was held at Queen's Hall, Langham Place, London, W., November 5th, 1906.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl Amherst, Pro. Grand Master,
on the Throne.

The debate on the disposition to be made of the Freemason's Tavern property, abruptly terminated by close of the September Quarterly, was resumed, and after lengthy discussion, the following proposition was put and carried with but two or three dissentients.

Proposition: "1. That the Tavern be let on lease, by tender properly advertised, with the following conditions:

"(a) The lessee to carry out at his own cost all alterations of the Tavern premises (subject to the lessor's approval) and to provide all trade fittings and appliances.

"(b) The lessee to covenant as to reasonable prices and quality, and also as to satisfactory conduct of the Tavern.

"(c) The term to be sufficiently long as to induce a tenant to incur the necessary outlay—say 40 years.

"(d) That, having regard to the loss of time occasioned in completing the alterations and getting back the business, some concession be made in the first year's rent.

"(e) That Grand Lodge should have the power of terminating the lease by one year's notice after the expiration of twenty years, on payment to the lessee of an amount representing a fair proportion of the value of the whole of the authorized alterations, improvements and fittings, the sum to be determined by arbitration. And in addition thereto, to pay, by way of compensation, an amount equal to the ascertained profit of the former for the three years immediately preceding the notice of termination."

"(f) That in the event of the tenant wishing for an advance of capital, not exceeding one-half the outlay incurred, it should be conceded to him at four per cent. interest on the security of his lease, to be repaid by annual installments extending to but not beyond one-half of the term of lease."

"The resolution is:—

"That this proposition be referred to such committee as this meeting shall decide to have charge of the letting of the tavern, with power to act."

The matter of making up this important committee evoked some discussion. Finally the question of the

Appointment of a committee was deferred to the next Quarterly Communication (December).

Grand Lodge was closed.

QUARTERLY—LONDON—DECEMBER 5, 1906.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. Thos. Frederick Halsey, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne.

After the minutes were confirmed (September Quarterly, and Especial meeting, Nov. 5th) the next business was the nomination of Grand Master. And, of course, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was duly nominated for that exalted position.

Then the motion that the Special Committee on the housing of Grand Lodge and the letting of Freemasons' Tavern, shall consist of nine members of Grand Lodge was put before the Grand Lodge. An amendment proposing the number 7 instead of 9 for said committee was put and lost. The original motion was then put and carried.

The report of the Board of Benevolence shows that during September, October and November, eighty-nine petitioners had been relieved to the extent of \$10,272.00.

The Board of General Purposes reported that:

"The action of Grand Lodge in regard to the situation in New South Wales and Queensland, led to His Excellency Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New South Wales, addressing a cablegram to the Grand Registrar, as follows:

"What course do you advise me to take on the part of this Grand Lodge that will remove misunderstanding? (See page 10 of your report.)"

To this the Grand Registrar replied as follows:

"Advise expression of regret that Masonic rights and notices of suspension were inadvertently disregarded; recall recognition until nearer approach to unanimity; try to carry out last paragraph of my report."

His Excellency (Governor of N. S. W. as well as G. M.) telegraphed expression of such regret, and subsequently wrote

the Grand Secretary, detailing the steps his Grand Lodge had taken in authorizing said telegram, such authority being coupled with the proviso that "as they had recognized the Grand Lodge of Queensland, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales would not withdraw that recognition." This, it seems, was not satisfactory to the Board; so, "there you are" with the matter not yet adjusted.

If it were not presumptuous on the writer's part, he would venture to suggest the following as a solution of the Queensland question: Let the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland instruct the District Grand Master, in Queensland, to withdraw their prohibition against their respective Lodges discussing the scheme of organizing an independent Grand Lodge in that State, and taking action thereon; then matters would soon adjust themselves.

The consideration of the "Freemasons' Tavern" matter having been resumed, the question of how many should compose the Special Committee to take charge of negotiations and arrangements with regard to said property, was, after some debate, disposed of by fixing the number of members of said committee, as nine; and the same were by vote elected.

Some few cases of appeal were disposed of. Hereafter the voluminous statement of detailed committees will be sent out only once a year (in March).

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—LONDON—MARCH, 1907.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl Amherst, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

At this Communication the Duke of Connaught was, of course, elected Grand Master unanimously, and duly proclaimed as such by the Grand Director of Ceremonies the recitation of H. R. H.'s titles taking up almost 17 lines of print.

Bro. Thos. Fraser was elected Treasurer by a majority of 5,981 votes.

The Board of Benevolence reported relief of petitioners to

the amount of \$12,264.00, and recommendations of grants to the extent of \$8,640.00.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes we note, after a recital of the complete destruction of the Masonic Temple at Kingston, Jamaica by the earthquake of January 14, 1906, and loss of life of many Brethren while many members of the Craft had been made homeless and destitute, the following:

"The Board has the greatest satisfaction in reporting that before the receipt of any communication from Kingston the Grand Secretary received a cablegram from the Grand Lodge of New York to the effect that the Grand Master had directed the payment, if necessary, of \$2,400.00 for the relief of Brethren at Kingston.

The Grand R. A. Chapter of England had voted \$1,200.00 for the relief of marine sufferers by the earthquake.

The Board recommended that \$4,800.00 be transmitted to the District Grand Master of Jamaica for the relief of Masonic sufferers.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Such is Masonry. The remaining proceedings would hardly interest our Alabama readers.

. The Auditor's report for 1906 accompanies this pamphlet.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—LONDON—JUNE, 1907.

Bro. Rt. Hon. Earl Amherst, Pro. Past Grand Master on Throne. Bro. Arthur Whinney was unanimously re-elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

The report of the Board of Benevolence, covering the space of three months, showed that during that period 124 petitioners had been relieved to the extent of \$14,169.60, and recommendations were made for petitioners to amount of \$8,520.00. This Grand Lodge continues to carry on its splendid benefactions systematically.

The Board of General Purposes presented a report on relations with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which report will

best explain itself; therefore we give it to our readers without comment, save to say that whenever a majority of the Queensland Lodges give their support to the new Grand Lodge, we shall with alacrity recommend recognition of said Grand Body. Here is the report of the Board:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:

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"The Board has to report with reference to the position taken up by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in relation to the irregular body formed in Queensland, that the following cablegram summarising the decision of the Board (as reported to and unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge in December last) was sent to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New South Wales, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, Past Grand Warden of England:—"Board yesterday accepted expression of regret as tendered, but sorry recognition continued. Proposals inadmissible. Lord Chelmsford's action seems to close the door. Glad you are not going to his ceremony; but your officers reported going. Hope such unfriendly act not contemplated. Writing fully." To this message the reply on the 22nd November last was: "As I cannot assist harmony propose resigning Grand Mastership, Rawson." That decision of His Excellency appeared to remove the difficulty arising from his divided duty towards the two Grand Lodges in which he had held high rank, and up to the present no further communication from him has been received; but newspaper reports just to hand represent His Excellency as having in March last stated to his Grand Lodge that he had changed his mind and was prepared to continue as Grand Master of New South Wales. It further appears that while he did not personally attend Lord Chelmsford's ceremony he authorized certain of his officers to do so. V. W. Bro. Bray, the Grand Secretary of New South Wales, who was also a Past Grand Officer of England, solved the difficulty by resigning his English rank. It had already been pointed out that while Sovereign Grand Lodges and their Grand Masters might be within their "rights" in according recognition to bodies which others held to be irregular, it was not proper for Grand or Past Grand Officers of England to take part in proceedings which were looked upon by this Grand Lodge as being unfriendly acts. And in pursuance of the warning given, the conduct of those who have so acted is being considered in the proper quarter. It is well to remind the Masonic world that the position taken up by this Grand Lodge is, that the *only* Masonic authorities having jurisdiction in the State of Queensland, are (and have been for many years past, to the exclu-

sion of all other Constitutions) the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland; and that not one of the English Lodges has joined the irregular movement, although every facility was given them to express their views fully and freely. The Board has reason to believe that warm personal friendship exists between the members of the legitimate British Lodges in Queensland and those former members who have taken up the irregular attitude (although there is, and can be, no inter-visitation); and that but for the outside interference of New South Wales and Western Australia, coupled with the unfortunate action of Lord Chelmsford, means of reconciliation would ere this have been found, by which to effect in a Constitutional manner, the formation of a United Grand Lodge of Queensland which would command universal recognition. It must be remembered that New South Wales and Western Australia do not represent the Masonic opinion of the Australian Commonwealth. The important States of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania refuse to recognize the irregular body in Queensland; and the opinion even of New South Wales may be taken to be qualified by the fact (as the Board is informed) that at a recent Quarterly Communication of its Grand Lodge a motion to reconsider the recognition of the Queensland body was only defeated by a small majority in a large gathering. Queensland itself by an overwhelming majority (even counting the irregulars) is against the irregular body; so that the Australian Commonwealth (which does not include New Zealand) by four States to two, is opposed to what some of the supporters of the movement have erroneously declared to be an assertion of the right of an Australian State to govern itself in matters Masonic. The English District Grand Master of Queensland and his Officers are brethren of tact and discretion, who may be trusted to forward any legitimate and proper means of bringing about harmony within the State; and the Board has no reason to doubt that the Irish and Scottish Masonic Authorities are equally actuated by that fraternal feeling. In the hope that the support of this Grand Lodge to its District Grand Officers in their efforts to carry out the legitimate aspirations of the Brethren on Constitutional lines will aid materially in the attainment of that object, the Board submits the foregoing."

A somewhat warm discussion followed the reading of the Board's report, and some criticism of expressions employed in that paper. The trend of opinion seemed, however, to be conciliatory, with hopes that matters would right themselves without any efforts at coercion.

The matter of the "Freemasons' Tavern" is still the subject of much thought and worry. It will require something like

the sum of three or four hundred thousand dollars to establish such quarters as are desired.

Some other matters, which would not interest the outside Masonic world, were attended to at this Quarterly.

The meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

Bro. Rt. T. Earl Amherst, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

Bro. Sir Edw. Letchworth, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

78TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—JANUARY, 1907.

Bro. Charles W. Johnson ,M.: W.: Grand Master.

This beautifully printed volume is a welcome visitor at our table.

Five Special Communications were held during the year—three of them to lay corner-stones, and two for the purpose of burying with Masonic honors the beloved Past Grand Masters —George S. Hallmark and Norvelle R. Carter.

The Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form, the Grand Master presiding and a Constitutional number of Lodges being represented. It is pleasant to see that our Representative was present. Of Past Grand Masters there were seven answering roll call.

After cordially greeting the members of Grand Lodge—old and new—the Grand Master suspended the reading of his address to enable the assembly to hear eulogies on the late Past Grand Masters Geo. S. Hallmark and Norvelle R. Carter, by M.: W.: Bro. Marcus Endel, Samuel Pasco, and Wm. E. Anderson, who feelingly and eloquently, at the request of the Grand Master, performed their sad tasks.

In the course of his remarks the Grand Master impressively mentioned the "California Disaster." He had, on receipt of the startling news, issued a short but powerful appeal to the Lodges to help their San Francisco Brethren. The response had been "prompt and generous," the entire amount contributed by the Lodges being \$2,996.73.

He stated, under head of "Business Referred to G. M. During Recess," that an appropriate monument to Past Grand Master Angus Peterson, deceased, had been purchased and erected.

Six new Lodges, chartered at the last Grand Communication, had been duly constituted and their officers installed. He had granted eight dispensations for formation of new Lodges. Of special dispensations the Grand Master had issued 42, of which 17 were for waiving time in conferring degrees. Five dispensations had been refused. One of these was, to advance E. A. waiving proficiency, said E. A. having, for three years, neglected to learn his degree, when he could have easily done so. A very proper refusal.

We note, under "Disabilities Removed," that of the request of Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 173, Alabama, and upon payment to Grand Secretary of \$10.00, he had removed the disabilities of Brother Hugh C. Warren, formerly a member of Duval Lodge (18) now defunct, and directed the Grand Secretary to issue certificate.

The seventeen decisions of the Grand Master, with perhaps an exception or two, are in our humble opinion, eminently correct. Our "bill of exceptions" is very brief. We respectfully demur to the decision which holds that a member of a Lodge in Florida, who is bookkeeper and accountant for a man engaged in the liquor business, and who has no other connection with the business, working in a clerical capacity alone is not liable to charges under the Florida regulation.

In answer to the question, "Is the ceremony of presenting the lamb-skin apron to the E. A., a part of the work of this Grand Lodge?" the Grand Master decided that it was not; if the presentation is desired by the Lodge, "it should be made after the conclusion of the work following the charge."

Half a century since we were taught differently.

The Grand Master gives considerable space in his address to an appeal from the Robert Patton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Cincinnati, with accompanying correspondence, the appeal being to the Masonic Fraternity of the

United States, and asking contributions to aid in erecting a monument in memory of Confederate Soldiers who were Masons and prisoners of war confined on Johnson's Island, Ohio, and who died while imprisoned there. —A most laudable undertaking. A simple shaft, inscribed with the names of the deceased Brethren, seems to be designed, and the cost would be only a few hundred dollars. This pious duty ought to be discharged.

Circumstances beyond his control had prevented the Grand Master from making as many visitations as he desired to make. At one of his visits he conferred the Master Mason Degree upon three brethren in the presence of the father of the three. —Quite notable, that.

The Grand Master's recommendations were of local interest only.

The Grand Secretary's report justified the assertion that R.: W.: Brother Wilber P. Webster is a careful, painstaking officer, and wise counselor.

The Grand Treasurer's report states the cash balance on hand as \$8,575.38.

From the report of the Trustees we learn that the present worth of Grand Lodge property is \$57,732.72.

On recommendation in a Special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but was for the present denied to the Grand Lodge of Valley of Mexico, at the same time with the expression of a hope that conditions would soon justify recognition of that latter Grand Lodge.—Brother Wright, in our opinion, you are right.

Our Brethren in Florida contemplate the erection of a new Temple. The Temple Committee submitted an exhaustive report which gives great encouragement to the enterprise. The Committee reports the question of changing the location of the Grand Lodge building in Jacksonville, which was submitted to the Lodges, carried by a vote of 69 for, and 23 against. Second question, viz.: that of incurring a debt under favorable

circumstances, for the purpose of building a Temple in Jacksonville, carried by a vote of 59 to 33. A third question as to levying a per capita tax for the purpose of paying any deficiency which may occur in the building of the Temple was negatived by a vote of 29 for and 63 against. The committee further report an offer of \$55,000.00 cash for the present property of Grand Lodge, and recommends issue of bonds for \$90,000.00, and purchase, for \$12,000.00—a reasonable price—of a lot cor. Main and Monroe streets, 105 feet by 80 feet. The Jacksonville bodies will take \$30,000.00 of the bonds, and to float the rest will be easy. The interest on the bonds will be about \$7,500.00 per annum leaving \$4,000.00 per annum for a sinking fund. The plans for the new Temple seem to have been skilfully prepared. The estimated cost will be \$110,000.00. The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

We congratulate our Florida Brethren on the bright prospect of a new, commodious and magnificent Temple.

In reference to that part of the Grand Master's address concerning the Masonic dead buried at Johnson's Island, Ohio, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances to which it was referred, recommended that the incoming Grand Master be authorized, after careful inquiry, to expend therefor what he might deem best—not to exceed \$100.00.—Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, charters were granted to seven Lodges U. D.

On Thursday the Grand Orator delivered "a very instructive and interesting oration. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended for the same, and it, or such parts of it as are proper for publication, was requested to be printed with the proceedings."

The address having been entirely impromptu, Dr. Yerge could not comply with said request.

The Trustees of Masonic Home and Orphanage reported total receipts as \$11,033.93.

Committee on Memorials made fitting report which was received and adopted.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee, able and com-

prehensive, was favorable to the Grand Master's decision in regard to liability, to discipline, of a Lodge member who is bookkeeper for a liquor establishment, and which we have presumed to criticise. The committee approved the decisions generally.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge declined "adhesion" to the "International Bureau for Masonic Research" Neuchatel, Switzerland Wisely, we think.

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The report on Foreign Correspondence, his sixth, (219 pp.) is again presented by Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright. This report is a review of 57 Grand Bodies, and is, in the writer's opinion, one of the very best, of the year. The writer is glad to know that, on many points, Brother Wright and himself are in accord. As to a few questions we disagree, as we have a perfect right to do. In his report he gives fifteen pages to Queensland, reviewing the case exhaustively. He thinks the Grand Lodge of Queensland should be recognized. The writer is constrained to believe that, under existing conditions, it should not be recognized. We are not thinking about England and Scotland, but about a small minority assuming that its action shall be binding upon the great majority. When a majority of the Queensland Lodges join the movement, we will gladly welcome the new Grand Lodge.

Brother Wright gives Alabama—1905 kind and courteous attention. He says of Grand Master H. H. Matthews' address:

"The Grand Master's address covering 24 pages, is an excellent, businesslike presentation of the many matters coming to his attention."

The writer gratefully acknowledges kind mention of the Alabama report on Correspondence. It was our purpose to make liberal extracts from Brother Wright's fine report, but we lack space so to do; hence we merely excerpt his closing words as follows:

"We have again completed our journey through the proceedings and have enjoyed the many good things presented and

present for the use of our Florida brethren, such as we deem the more important and interesting.

Our readers will notice the note of prosperity through them all. The more important matters presented are the questions raised regarding the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the continued friction between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodges of Australia.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodges organized by lodges originally chartered by Scottish Rite bodies is gradually being settled in favor of such recognition. The Washington episode of 1898 has been settled and the influences which prevailed in that Grand Lodge at that time seem to have passed from the stage. The question of "Documentary evidence" as prerequisite for examination, as a guard against clandestinism, is receiving attention everywhere with wide diversity of opinion. It is a matter about which all should go slow, for too much legislation is sure to be injurious.

To the members of the Round Table who have been pleased to write in complimentary terms of the reports of the writer we extend thanks.

"Fraternally submitted."

Bro. Elmer E. Haskell, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Brc. Wilber P. Webster, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

130TH ANNUAL—MACON—OCTOBER 30, 1906.

Bro. Max Meyerhardt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 505—Number represented at the Grand Communication under review, 478—Membership, 27,620—Net gain in members, 2,331—Net gain in Lodges, 21.

On the initial pages of this attractive volume we see the portraits of two Past Grand Masters—David E. Butler and Samuel D. Irvin.

All the Grand Officers were present, except the Grand Chaplain, as well as seven Permanent Members, and Representatives of fifty-two Grand Lodges, including Past Grand Master James W. Taylor, representing Alabama.

A reading of the address of Grand Master Meyerhardt satisfies one that his administration has been a most successful one. His exordium is a classic. That pen picture of scenes

in and around the Temple of Solomon, on the great Day of Atonement is graphic and eloquent. The assembled nation was, on the occasion, sensible of the awful nearness of the great Jehovah.

The scope of Grand Master Meyerhardt's influence is not limited to the range of his oratorical performances. The condition of Masonry throughout the State of Georgia, and the financial results achieved, as well as the successful completion and maintenance of the Masonic Home, all attest his great value to the Craft as an organizer and administrator.

That surplus of \$32,000.00 in the Treasury after all indebtedness had been paid up, and the happy state of things at the Home, speak with tones more eloquent than any words of encomium, in indication of the Grand Master's management of affairs.

The five decisions submitted to Grand Lodge merit hearty approval as conformable to Masonic law and usage. 14 new Lodges had been constituted, and 17 corner-stones laid.

He had appealed to the Craft in behalf of the sufferers, at San Francisco, from the earthquake and fire. Only a few days elapsed thereafter before a response came in the sum of \$1,465.68 which sum was promptly sent to California.

His official visitations, an account of which takes up nearly seven pages of printing, are of great interest to the Lodges visited, and, no doubt, were an inspiration to them.

He had granted dispensations for the formation of four new Lodges; also had granted a large number of special dispensations—many of them for waiver of time in receiving and balloting on petitions and conferring degrees. He had also refused many for waiver of time.

M.: W.: Bro. Meyerhardt observes that the number of requests for permission to act on petitions in less than the prescribed time, is on the increase.

He has wisely adopted the rule not to grant dispensations to receive and ballot on a petition at the same meeting, under any circumstances.

In regard to the building of a new Temple, he says:

"I favor the erection of a splendid, modern building, at least three stories high, with elevator and up-to-date heating and lighting equipments. We should have a hall large enough to accommodate two thousand people."

He is eloquent in his commendation of the Masonic Home.

The sentiments expressed in the following words do him honor. He says:

"If I have planted one flower of joy in some oppressed and sorrowing heart, or aided in lifting the burden from some Brother's shoulders, my work will have received its full and sweet requital. Honor and riches pass away, but the good that men have done will live in human hearts forever."

After the address had been referred to a committee for topical distribution, a resolution looking at the subject of a new Temple, in all its bearings, and providing for report thereon by committee, at the next Annual, was offered, amended and adopted.

We note that there were 378 Past Masters not representing Lodges, present. We will not step out of our way to criticize the policy of paying mileage and per diem for so many who do not represent Lodges.

Aside from seven standing committees, the others, as to number of members to each, are immense.

One reason for having such a cumbrous, unwieldy membership, is entitled to consideration—viz.: it provides some employment for a large number of the brethren—they do not sit merely as wall-flowers. If it is desired to interest men in the organization to which they belong, give them something to do. This is the only reason we can find in favor of such huge casts of committees. Nevertheless, it seems to us that there are other considerations that outweigh the one presented above. But, if not being our business, we'll call a halt on the matter.

The afternoon of the first day was spent in visiting the Home. "This visit to the Home will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant events of the session." The evening of the First Day was devoted entirely to the social feature. It is noted that, on that occasion badges were presented to

Past Grand Master Jas. W. Taylor and Grand Steward W. B. Haygood, in honor of their 30 consecutive years' service in attending Grand Lodge. Also, a \$100.00 Past Grand Master's Jewel was voted to Grand Master Meyerhardt.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all of the Grand Master's decisions save one—No. 3, on habitual drunkenness. M.: W.: Bro. Meyerhardt thought two or three "drinks" would, within the meaning of the Code, constitute habitual drunkenness. He thought one instance of intoxication should be deemed a Masonic offense. The report of the committee was adopted in its entirety.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

On favorable report of the Committee on Charters, warrants were granted to twenty-one Lodges U. D., names and No., being specified. In one case, in lieu of a new Charter, the petitioners were granted the old Charter of a Lodge formerly existing at the same place, the new Lodge to take the old name and No.

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was adopted. It is noted that 56 were expelled for N. P. D.

The painstaking report of the Committee on Memorials was adopted by a rising vote.

The Finance Committee, whose report was adopted, put balance cash on hand, as \$30,321.51. Other assets as (total) \$92,000.00. The committee says:

"We recommend that \$1,200.00 be appropriated for the office of Grand Master, to include stenographer, traveling expenses, etc., for the ensuing Masonic year."

The committee also recommended that the sum of not less than \$5,000.00 be retained in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to meet incidental and other expenses of the Grand Lodge, and should the support of the Masonic Home necessitate it, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to borrow sufficient funds for said support, endorsed by the Grand Master, and that all funds in the Treasury be subject to the use of the

Trustees of the Home, except \$5,000.00 as heretofore mentioned. From the committee's statement of the Home Fund we learn that receipts for the year were \$7,712.72, and that after all expenditures the balance on hand was \$90.17.

The Committee on General Welfare reported in favor of the appointment of a committee of investigation as to the whole subject of a new Masonic Temple.

Also in favor of making the Grand Matron of the O. E. S. a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home. The report of the committee was adopted. There now, Brethren of Georgia, you have opened the door of Masonry just a little crack, letting "womankind" take a peep at the beauties of Masonry. What would Dr. Dryasdust have said about such a proceeding?

Seriously, every individual responsible to Grand Lodge as officer is a Mason amenable to Masonic law. But Masonry has no jurisdiction over outsiders. When Mrs.----- is made a member of the Board of Trustees, is the Board then a Masonic body composed entirely of Masons? Can the Grand Master or Grand Lodge appoint a profane on a committee of the Grand Lodge?

We honor those noble women of the O. E. S., but surely we can honor them without tampering with the centuries-old practice of confining our institutions to those of the male persuasion.—Yes, we are aware that the lady is not taken into the Lodge; but when anything is done that even squints toward infringement of that old landmark which says who may be made a Mason, it is time to cry "To your tents, O Israel."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again presented by our esteemed contemporary, Bro. A. Q. Moody (his sixth) who, with his wanted ability and perspicuousness, reviews the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama—1905 included.

Brother Moody gives our Grand Lodge three and one-half pages of his valuable space, in a notice, the courtesy and fraternal spirit of which are unfailing. He quotes (approvingly, we infer) from Grand Master H. H. Matthews' opening address.

He asks if decision, in regard to reading and writing, conflicts with No. 5 which held that the Lodge must be the judge as to whether or not a candidate is mentally, morally, intellectually and physically capable of teaching as well as learning our art.

Perhaps, Brother, that depends somewhat upon the point of view. For ourselves we are of the opinion that a person who cannot read his petition or write his name, is hardly fit material for our Mystic edifice.

Our good Brother thinks strange that a Lodge should choose for Master a citizen of a foreign country, and still stranger, that said foreigner should declare his intention of living permanently in Alabama but, at the same time, refuses to become naturalized.

Well, Masonry is universal, and save for organization and territorial jurisdiction, it ignores country boundaries.

Our kind Brother will permit us to thank him for his complimentary reference to the writer personally. Brother Moody's commendation is highly appreciated.

He refers to the writer's remark concerning expulsion for non-payment of dues, and says:

"He notes in our proceedings where seventy-one brethren were expelled for unmasonic conduct and 38 for gross unmasonic conduct, and enquires of us if the 71 were expelled for non-payment of dues. Now, Brother Titcomb, you must put your fertile imagination to work, for we are not going to "tell tales out of school."

"This much, however, we will say: If the offense was non-payment of dues, each one of the brethren deserved his fate. If a brother can pay, but will not pay, he must be made to pay or get out. If he gives his simple word that he is unable to pay, his dues are remitted without further question."

"If a brother refuses to contribute his small part toward maintaining our noble Order, then he deserves to be "cast into outer darkness."

Brother, did you never see a man who was poor and proud? There are men who will suffer injury rather than confess their poverty. It seems to us that such men should not be visited with the same punishment that awaits drunkards, murderers, adulterers, thieves and robbers.

The length of this paper precludes further notice of Brother Moody's excellent report.

In closing, we congratulate him and our Georgia Brethren upon the splendid success which has resulted from their enthusiastic and strenuous efforts to revivify Masonry and spread wide its blessings in the "Empire State."

Bro. Max Meyerhardt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. W. A. Wolihin, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

39TH ANNUAL—BOISE—SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Bro. Jeremiah W. Robinson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 40—Members, 2,256—Net gain, 195.

The initial page of this well printed volume presents the fine face of the Grand Master-Elect, William F. Smith.

An Emergent Communication was held, Sunday, Feb. 26, 1906, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Deputy Grand Master, Brother Alexander Rossi; and two Special Communications were held during the year for the laying of cornerstones—one for a court-house, the other for a church.

At the Grand Annual all but six of the Grand Officers, whose places were supplied *pro tem.*, were present. Thirty-two Permanent members, including six Past Grand Masters, were also on hand, as well as fifteen Grand Representatives. Alabama not included.

At this Communication, twenty-five Chartered Lodges and one Lodge U. D., were represented.

An inspection of the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master makes it manifest that he had an eye single for the good of the Craft.

He paid due respect to the memory of the Fraternal Dead

both at home and abroad.

Under the head of "Visitations", of which he had made thirty-five, he threw out to the Brethren some very important hints, from which we excerpt the following:

"It is with pardonable pride that I report all Lodges in a very excellent and prosperous condition. The growth of Masonry has kept pace with the general prosperity of the State, and most of the Lodges have largely increased in membership. While I am convinced that due diligence has been employed in the selection of new material, I have endeavored to more firmly impress upon the minds of the brethren the supreme importance of the conservatism of Masonry in all things and especially in the admission of those who are to participate in our mysteries and enjoy our privileges, and upon whom must eventually rest the soundness and responsibility of our noble and illustrious Fraternity. Unworthy material may be easily admitted, but may not be so readily discarded; besides the injury sometimes lives long afterwards."

He had issued only four special dispensations—none of them to waive time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees; also he had granted dispensation for formations of four new Lodges.

He recommended that action be taken with reference to the California disaster, and that such amount be appropriated for the relief of suffering Brethren in California as should "seem meet and proper."

His dispensations, decisions, etc., were all approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and by the Grand Lodge. We note among his fourteen decisions the following:

"An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, of this Jurisdiction, can be prevented from advancement only by preferring charges and conviction thereon. See decisions, pages 59 and 60, Code and Digest."

While recognizing the fact that objection raised has the force of a blackball, the writer is of the opinion that an E. A. or F. C., if proficient, is entitled to advancement unless charges of unmasonic conduct are preferred against him. He is a Mason, and has certain rights—claims, if you choose—not possessed by a profane.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand cash to the amount of

\$7,647.26. His statement of the Orphan Funds makes a total of \$45,054.01.

The Grand Secretary's report covers nearly sixteen pages, and evinces not only ability but also painstaking, conscientious work on his part. He was pleased to report that all returns were on file, but was sorry to say that he had to enter a fine against one Lodge which did not report until Sept. 5th, but by the letter accompanying said returns, he was persuaded that the fine should be remitted, and he so recommended.

Commenting on a case of irregularity on the part of a certain Lodge, he intimated that said Lodge certified that, at a Special Communication, it had adopted a resolution giving its consent to the formation of a certain new Lodge, granting a waiver of jurisdiction, and recommending the petition therefor, all of which, he said, was contrary to, and at variance with the form in use in Idaho, since 1874. The form for such procedure, as published in the Code and Digest of 1886, also in 1887, says: "At a Stated Communication," but the certificate presented with this petition reads: "At a Special Communication after due notice." Now said "due notice" was a notice for a special meeting for work, also to vote on said recommendation for the new Lodge, published in a morning paper and calling the meeting for the evening of the same day. The Grand Secretary maintains that such "due notice" was not the "due notice" contemplated by the Code.

He fraternally asked that the Committee on Jurisprudence "give this matter careful consideration and inform us if the forms, as printed by and under the sanction of this Grand Lodge, can be ignored and set aside whenever it may be considered convenient to do so."

The Jurisprudence Committee, reporting on this matter, after reciting the circumstances of the case, including the fact that said Lodge at a subsequent stated meeting, ratified the action taken thereon at said Special Communication, proceeded to give its opinion as follows:

"We are unable to find anything in the By-Laws prohibiting the transaction of such business at special meetings, and

If it was an irregularity, the action of the Lodge at its subsequent stated meeting would cover any apparent irregularity. As to forms published in the Code and Digest, stating "at a regular meeting" such and such action was taken, we only say that forms are not provided to meet every case. The forms are directory only, and are intended, like printed blank deeds, etc., to indicate the general course to be pursued.

The report of the Trustees of Orphans' Funds, show that during the year, charity had been dispensed to the amount of \$1,550.00.

On the evening of the First Day, the ladies of the O. E. S. entertained the Brethren at a reception and a banquet.

The proposition of a Bi-centenary Celebration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was laid on the table.

A resolution, providing that a cypher copy of the adopted work be furnished to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction, was presented but, after discussion, was indefinitely postponed. Good! for Idaho.

On recommendation of the Committee on Accounts and Finance, the sum of \$500.00 was contributed for the relief of sufferers by the San Francisco earthquake and fire; and the Grand Lecturer was continued in the field at a salary of \$1,000.00, with additional \$500.00 or so much thereof as should be needed to meet his expenses while performing his duties.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was not cumbered with a lengthy dissertation on Mortality or Immortality but merely gave list of the names of departed Brethren, with dates of demise.—Adopted.

The installation of the officers for ensuing year was followed by presentation of the Signet ring to the new Grand Master. Then, after the reading of the minutes Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

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The report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, within the space of sixty-

five pages of printed matter, is the excellent work of Brother George E. Kneffer, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Alabama—1905 is courteously and fraternally treated to a little more than one page of notice.

The writer is with Brother Kneffer in the opinion that ability to read and write, "is a very mild test for the mental qualifications of a candidate for Masonry."

Thanks, Brother, for your kind reference to the writer's work.

Bro. Wm. F. Smith, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Thec. W. Randall, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

67TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1906.

Bro. Chester E. Allen, M.: W.: Grand Master.

We begin a review of this handsomely executed volume with a few statistics culled therefrom:

Number of Chartered Lodges, 743—Total membership, June 30, 1906, 79,712—Net gain in membership, 4,686. Amount received for dues, for year ending June 30, 1906, the sum of \$71,700.30—Total contributions by Lodges to charity, \$45,189.20.

These pages embrace several portraits of Past Grand Masters—among them the face of Past Grand Master Joseph Abbott, the very able and accomplished Committee on Masonic Correspondence, whose visage we are glad to see. We find also the representation of the proposed Masonic Home, which, according to this projection, will be a handsome and commodious building.

According to the report of the Committee on Credentials, there were 29 Grand Officers present at the Annual under review, as well as 848 representatives of Lodges, also 26 Sister Grand Lodges represented. Grand Master-elect, Chester E. Allen appearing on behalf of Alabama. (We omitted to mention among the portraits herein contained, that of a true, tried and

faithful Brother who, though not named Grand Master, was widely known and distinguished among the Craftsmen—Bro. W. M. Burbank, M. D.)

In his address, the Grand Master, under the head, Necrology, feelingly mentioned the death of R.: W.: Brother Grand Steward, William M. Burbank and R.: W.: D. D. G. M. Bro. John W. Rose. He also reported the distinguished dead of Sister Jurisdictions, as well as the demise of 85 Masters and Past Masters in Illinois, giving location and dates of death.

He took occasion to express his appreciation of the "splendid services" of the District Deputies during the year.

On the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Grand Examiners, he had appointed a host of Grand Lecturers, giving all their names. (We cannot stop to count them.) Five Lodges had been constituted—six Lodge halls dedicated—ten corner-stones laid—six dispensations to form new Lodges, granted, and five Schools of Instruction, held under the conduction of the Grand Examiners.

Under head, "Foreign Relations," we note that he had received complaints—one from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the other from the "Grand Master of the Grand Mother Lodge of the Electic Union of Freemasons," and "Managing Directors of the German Alliance of Grand Lodges," on account of refusal by some Illinois Lodges to admit visitors whose allegiance was to said German Grand Bodies. Aided by the wise counsel of Bro. Robbins, Committee on Masonic Correspondence, he had returned answers, to the German Bodies, which should be satisfactory explanation of the actions of the said Illinois Lodges. He requested that the whole matter be referred, together with the correspondence concerning the same, to the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

Our Illinois Brethren, having no official knowledge that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg had repented of its former evil doings, and had done works meet for repentance by cancelling the charters of a Lodge it had set up in New York, must have felt that said Grand Lodge had an immense amount of gall and presumption, to proffer such a complaint.

How generously the Illinois Brethren gave their substance to the California sufferers last April, is shown by what the Grand Master tells us:

April 25, 1906, he telegraphed to Grand Master Flint to draw on the Grand Treasurer of Illinois for \$1,000.00, which was done. "Four hundred and forty-four Lodges responded to his appeal, "their total contributions aggregating \$9,158.25. Also quite a sum was sent direct from Lodges and individuals in addition to amount mentioned.

Lord Bacon says, imparting one's joys and sorrows to one's friend, worked two good ends—It redoubled joys, and cutteth griefs in halves. Of doing good deeds it may be said, that it works in two directions—it acts on the receiver, bringing him comfort and peace, and re-acts upon the giver, making him a happier—better man.

With the Grand Master's four decisions reported we can find no fault. The first prohibits "use of the stereopticon, and similar methods of illustrating the historical account of the degrees.

The second forbids the use of the so-called "loose leaf" books in keeping the records of the Lodge.

The third intimated that a certain Lodge had a perfect right to sanction the act of its Master in appointing a committee to act with a similar committee from another Lodge in the same city, in arranging a series of social events to be participated in only by members of the fraternity and their families. To meet the expense incident thereto an admission fee was charged and the members engaged to pay out of their own pockets any deficit that might occur.

No. 4 was as follows:

"4. A Lodge of a Sister Jurisdiction requested a Lodge of this Jurisdiction to confer the Master Mason's degree upon a Fellow Craft of the first Lodge residing within the Jurisdiction of the second. The request was duly presented to the Lodge, and, upon motion made and carried, was granted. A member then filed an objection to the candidate's presence in the Lodge."

"Held, that the candidate as such could not be classed as a

visitor; and that the objection in itself was not sufficient to prevent him from receiving the degree."

"Another question arose from the following facts and circumstances: A brother holding a dimit from a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Holland, in July, 1903 petitioned a Lodge of this Jurisdiction for membership and was elected. After two years the question of the legality of the action of the Lodge was raised. The issue was presented to me in the form of a request for an opinion as to the brother's status in the Lodge." The brother himself—not the Lodge, made said request.

The Grand Master took counsel with the members of the law committee, also with M.: W.: Bro. Joseph Robbins, Committee on Correspondence. These Brethren were much divided in opinion. The problem seemed so difficult of solution, that he deemed it best to submit the question of the brother's status as well as the one of the legality of the Lodge's action, to Grand Lodge; therefore, he requested that both questions be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for its consideration.

The last named committee to which were referred the decisions of the Grand Master, also his request mentioned in the foregoing, reported approval of all said decisions; and that Bro. Ritze House is a regular member of the Lodge with which he affiliated in 1903 and is entitled to all rights and privileges as such. Report adopted.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand of all funds, \$81,458.59. Total assets in Treasury, \$173,758.57.

The Grand Secretary's Financial report shows that he had drawn orders on the Grand Treasurer, at and since the last Annual Communication for amounts aggregating \$45,757.11. His report shows that printing the Proceedings cost \$2,307.83; that the five Grand Examiners' Schools were held at expense of \$1,085.40, and that the total Grand Charity Fund amounted to \$34,260.00.

The reports of the Superintendent of the Illinois Masonic Home, and the Superintendent of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home—the one having forty-nine inmates, the other having sixty-six, were duly submitted to the Grand Lodge.

A resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee

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on Correspondence. The resolution contemplates a gathering of the clans or delegates from all the English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world in the city of Chicago for the purpose of endeavoring to secure uniformity of the work. Such an assemblage would be of practical value to the Hotel keeper and shop keepers of Chicago—beyond that—nil.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

An impressive oration was delivered, on the "Mission of Masonry," by Bro. Owen Scott.

On recommendation of the Committee on Petitions, six expelled Masons and one indefinitely suspended, were restored and reinstated.

The Committee on Obituary made an extended and most appropriate report. To that report was appended an expression of sympathy with the Grand Master on account of the loss of his only daughter. The report was adopted by a standing vote.

The Finance Committee made some important recommendations; among them we note the following:

Investments, in approved, interest bearing securities, of surplus funds.

From Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Fund-----	\$10,000.00
From Home for the Aged Fund-----	1,000.00
From Illinois Masonic Home Fund-----	1,000.00
Also for defraying expenses of Grand Lodge, the ensuing year, total (out of General Fund)-----	\$16,000.00
and appropriation from Charity Fund-----	16,000.00
each, for maintenance of the Masonic Orphans' Home at Chi- cago, and the Masonic Home at Sullivan.	

A resolution offered "recognizing the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico" was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. In our humble opinion, Brother Robbins will not favor the same.

A very important thing is to be done, viz.: indexing the Blue Book. This will greatly aid W. M.'s in finding the law on any particular point.

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., Char-

ters were granted to ten such Lodges. Two were continued U. D. till next year. One of the Lodges U. D. to which Charters were granted, had as members 194 Master Masons. By a resolution adopted, said Lodge was authorized to have prepared an exact fac-simile of the regulation Charter, large enough to embrace all the 194 names, the Lodge to bear the expense thereof.

Brother Joseph Robbins, Committee on Correspondence, to whom had been referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which related to complaint by certain German Grand Lodges against action of certain Illinois Lodges which had refused admittance to a Mason owing allegiance to one of said German Grand Bodies, made a strong, convincing, special report thereon. We wish we had space to spare for reproduction of this able presentation of the matter by Brother Robbins. We must, however, content ourselves with giving place to the two resolutions with which he closes said report:

"Your committee recommends the approval of the letters of Grand Master Allen to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Grand Master Auerbach, as reflecting the fraternal sentiments of this Grand Lodge; and further recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved. That the Grand Lodge of Illinois holds that under the law of Masonry no visitor can be admitted to a Lodge whose claim to the Masonic status rests on documentary evidence alone."

Resolved. That it has for many years been the well settled law of this Jurisdiction, that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power to compel a Lodge to admit a visitor against the objection of a member thereof, even though such visitor be known and recognized by all the members as a lawful Mason."

And the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

In connection with the foregoing we are inclined to ask Brother Robbins if in his opinion, we are far from a correct view of conditions when we affirm that those eight German Grand Lodges should forfeit recognition by American Grand Lodges, which are Sovereign Bodies, after having surrendered control of foreign policy to an individual, for the time being,

the acknowledged head of the alliance. Since during this headship, on one of the eight German Bodies can act independently in respect of such relations.

Dear Brother, don't think the writer stupid or obtuse for throwing out such an inquiry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is entirely unnecessary to employ laudatory objections characterizing the report on Masonic Correspondence presented by Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, Committee; for he is fully universally recognized as a master in the art of reviewing. His report, covering 346 printed pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges—four of them for 2 years—furnishes without exception, abundant food for thought.

He accords Alabama—1905 five and a half pages of fraternal notice. He incidentally intimates his disbelief in the necessity for the actual presence of the warrant or charter in order to legalize Lodge work. Well, that subject has, for a long time, been under Masons' flails; so we will here let it rest awhile.

He is in agreement with nearly all of Grand Master H. H. Matthews' decisions. He, however, takes exception to the ruling, that inability to read and write does not render a petitioner ineligible. Personally, we coincide with Brother Robbins as to that matter. He criticizes two or three of the other decisions, as well as the law committee's report thereon.

Brother Robbins, on decision 13, which was approved, thinks the same incorrect. Under the circumstances he does not agree with the Grand Master that it would be so improper to forbid necessarily favorable condition of the application of a brother holding a dimitt from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but unable, after residing here for some time and never visiting a Lodge, to prove himself a Mason or to re-make him on petition for initiation.

Commenting on the writer's special report on the Queensland situation, our good Brother says that we confess to have

"received some new light on Masonic matters in Queensland." Very true, but equally true is it that our objection to recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland, rests upon the fact that said body only commanded (received, rather) the concurrence of less than one-third of the Lodges in the territory to be affected. As has been often repeated, it is of almost universal acceptance that given territory must unite in the movement. That "new light" which we received was not strong enough to enable us to see that it is right for the minority to assume jurisdiction over the large majority without the concurrence of the latter. It is asserted that the English and Scottish Lodges would have joined in the Brisbane movement if they had been permitted to consider the matter. Perhaps they would; perhaps they wouldn't, many of them.

The only difference between Brother Robbins and the writer as to Queensland is, that he is willing for the minority to rule, while we would have the majority to take the reins in their hands.

Our Brother is quite caustic on our Grand Lodge's refusal to repeal the law making dues accrue during suspension N. P. D., and its further refusal to require Lodges to pay over to itself Grand Lodge dues on account of suspended members, who are reinstated on payment to the Lodge of said accrued dues. Listen:

"This does not call for tears. The Grand Lodge having taught the Lodges that a cash profit could be made by suspension, and having declined to repeal the law which made this possible, can hardly complain if they refuse to loosen their hold upon any portion of the tainted money."

A pretty hard rap this, dear Brother—but the writer's views regarding the charging up of dues against suspended members, are too well known to need repetition here.

For Brother Robbins' very kind and complimentary reference personal to the writer, he will please accept the latter's grateful acknowledgment.

It is a distinct pleasure to us, that he and ourselves are in accord on the question of advancement of candidates who have

sustained physical injury received subsequent to initiation.

Beneath a mourning line in his report, we find the following:

"Since the above was in type we have received the sad intelligence that Grand Master Henry H. Matthews has gone over to the majority. His death occurred after a lingering illness and was not unexpected, but this abates nothing of the sense of bereavement weighing upon our Alabama brethren of whom he was greatly beloved."

"His death devolves the duties of the executive office upon Ben M. Jacobs of Birmingham, the Deputy Grand Master, a Mason by heredity as well as by affiliation, and a broad minded, capable man, in whose hands the interests of the Alabama Craft will suffer no detriment."

So little space have we left for Illinois, that, to do anything like justice to Bro. Robbins' exceedingly valuable report, is entirely out of the question. A snap shot or two must suffice. Following, under Colorado, in reply to Bro. Greenleaf, will interest some of our readers:

"Quoting from our report our remarks suggested by his expressed hope for some solution of the question of the recognition of Grand Lodges of Scottish Rite parentage, he says:

There is no radical difference between Brother Robbins and ourselves concerning the claims put forth in the interest of supreme councils. In our last report we discussed this question at considerable length under Oregon, quoting the language of the late Grand Commander Albert Pike, as follows: "The grand constitutions make no provision for the government of symbolic lodges by the supreme councils." (Italics his) Therefore, the right exercised we declared to be an usurped one. While mindful of existing conditions in those countries where the Scottish Rite is in possession of the symbolic degrees, we are concerned in the effort to arrive at some common ground of agreement whereby the recognition of grand lodges which have been formed independent of the control of supreme councils, can be effected. The word "usurped" used by us in the above connection, grates harshly upon the ears of some of our sensitive brethren, but it is the plain truth and cannot be successfully controverted.

It did not need the declaration of Albert Pike that Scottish Rite bodies never possessed the right to confer the symbolic degrees, to establish that fact; but it is nevertheless a matter of interest, in view of the glib assertion of the promoters of recognition by Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of these alleged Grand Lodges with no Grand Lodge parentage of persons made in lodges chartered by a supreme council.

are just as lawfully-made Masons as those made under the authority of the Grand Lodges of New York and Illinois, to find the ablest commentator of the Scottish Rite and its constitutions, enforcing his advice to supreme councils still claiming authority in the symbolic degrees to relinquish the assumption, by pointing out the fact that the Scottish Rite constitutions made no provisions for the government of symbolic lodges.

Continuing the same subject, Brother Greenleaf says:

The lodges established upon the continent of Europe by the Grand Lodge of England were authorized and empowered to work the three degrees of Masonry. About 1761 there had been imposed upon the original foundation a multitude of degrees embraced in several rites. As these rites spread to other countries they arrogated themselves control over the symbolic degrees. The Grand Lodge of England appears to have been passive in the face of innovations and added degrees, and to have made no protest against such acts on the part of her progeny. Many grand lodges, who have been under the control of supreme councils and have cut loose from such entangling alliances, have been recognized by the mother Grand Lodge, and thus, by such action, regularized. The question of paternity was not apparently given serious weight, other considerations being deemed of more importance. In view of the precedent thus set, other grand lodges cannot greatly err in the matter of recognition. We are a believer in the universality of Masonry, and that has influenced us somewhat in this vexed question of recognition.

Brother Greenleaf might have added with equal truth that the Grand Lodge of England has also recognized so-called Grand Lodges that have not cut loose from such entangling alliances but are still dominated by so-called higher degrees. In neither case has recognition regularized such bodies for anybody but the Mother Grand Lodge. And there is no reason why deference should be paid to the precedents set by the Grand Lodge of England above that due to those of other grand lodges. No other grand lodge of legitimate origin has departed so widely from the Masonry of the original plan as the very grand lodge which was created to preserve it pure and unchanged for all time, the Grand Lodge of England. In America, to which Masonry was transplanted before it had been corrupted by contact with continental rite mongers, the institution has been better conserved and its landmarks better maintained than in the British Islands whence it came, with the possible exception of Ireland. In our judgment we shall be far less likely to err if we follow the law of Masonry, than if we follow the precedents of the Mother Grand Lodge. At all events we shall have the approbation of a good conscience if we keep the promise we have both made and have both so often exacted from others, to respect genuine brethren and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original

plan of Masonry. We having said that the universality of Masonry claimed by those who formed the first Grand Lodge could have meant no more than that the catholic basis of the institution was broad enough and scope of its principles far reaching enough to take in all the races of men because to claim for it universality of geographical distribution when it existed nowhere outside of the British Islands would have been sheer buncombe. Brother Greenleaf says:

The claim of the Masonic fathers so far from being sheer buncombe, is being proven correct. The earliest manuscripts and the later books and lectures, all make the same identical claim of antiquity and universality for Masonry. A multitude of things connected with the institution have been denied, but later discoveries have demonstrated their existence, so will it be with the claim that has ever been put forth of universality. The many instances of Masonry being found to exist in remote quarters of the globe, and in the lone islands of the sea, the traditions of the Indian race that they were in possession of Masonic signs and secrets before the advent of the white man on this continent, all goes to show that Masonry was not the sole possession of the four old London Lodges—while they, themselves, never claimed that it was, but that it was universal.

Will our brother kindly cite even one of the many instances of Masonry being found to exist in remote quarters of the globe, including the lone islands of the sea, originating independently of the Masonry which we inherit from Britain, and even a scrap of evidence that traditions of the Indian race that they were in possession of anything answering even remotel, to masonic signs and secrets before the advent of the white man on this continent?

Of course we are not to be understood as attributing these old wife's tales to Brother Greenleaf's imagination, for we have heard of them since our earliest Masonic days; but we have seen no evidence that they came originally from anyone who had ever been the remote quarters, or the lone islands, nor have we encountered anyone who had chased the fugacious Indian tradition to any particular tribe or locality.

We have hardly touched upon the contents of our Brother's report, but Alas!—time and space are "up."

Bro. C. E. Allen, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Isaac Cutter, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Through the kind courtesy of Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, we have received (in advance of the Illinois Proceed-

ings which, at this late hour have not yet arrived) his report, on Alabama, for 1907. It is a very able, thoughtful paper—by the way, rather new for him—and, that we may not inadvertently do him injustice by injudicious extract, shall present his report bodily, and supplement with very brief comment. The report is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, 1907.
Joseph Robbins, P. G. M. Alabama, 1906.

Six Past Grand Masters and thirty-eight Grand Representatives were present, among the latter Wm. W. Daffin, of Grove Hill, the envoy from Illinois.

The record says that the Grand Lodge was opened in "ample" (instead of due) form. This was doubtless a clerical error, as alas! he alone who could have opened it in ample form, Grand Master Henry H. Matthews, was sleeping in Oakwood Cemetery, where he was laid by loving hands with Grand Lodge honors on the eighth of the preceding June. His death was formally announced by the Deputy Grand Master, Benjamin M. Jacobs, presiding as Grand Master. The deceased, who had been clerk of the city court of Montgomery from 1888 to the time of his death, must have greatly endeared himself to the craft of Alabama, if we may judge from their generous response to a proposition to purchase a home for his bereaved family, as disclosed in the proceedings, of which his portrait forms the frontispiece.

The craft lost another grand officer, Senior Grand Deacon Edward S. Gatchell, who died about a month before the Grand Master, and was buried by the Grand Lodge.

Among the dispensations reported by Acting Grand Master Jacobs were three authorizing Lodges to continue to work after their certificates of having been chartered had been mislaid or lost, a clear waste of ink, inasmuch as to work was just what these lodges were set to doing when they were constituted under an authority not subsequently withdrawn.

He reported \$3,883.88 promptly contributed by the Alabama craft for the relief of the California sufferers, \$3,300 of which had been sent forward when Grand Master Flint of that jurisdiction notified him that more was not needed. The balance was, at his suggestion, turned into the widows' and orphans' fund.

The craft also contributed liberally to the relief of the sufferers by the great storm which swept the Gulf coast.

Fifteen decisions are reported, all but one of which were approved by the jurisprudence committee with complimentary recognition of the labor and ability reflected in them. The exception alluded to above was the following:

5. If before installation objection is made by any brother to the installation of the master, the installing officer should proceed no further in the installation ceremony, but ascertain at once the reasons for such objection, and if they are good and sufficient and the brother or brethren making same signify their intention of preferring charges in the manner provided by law, then installation should be refused until such charges are disposed of. However, if upon investigation, installing officer determines that such objections are not good and sufficient, or the brother or brethren decline to prefer charges, he will proceed with the installation.

This was not disapproved, the committee saying:

As to this decision we ask that ruling be postponed until the next Grand Lodge communication, in order that we may prepare the necessary procedure controlling such cases, and in the meantime secure from the right worshipful deputy and acting grand master the exact facts upon which said ruling was based.

Of course we agree mainly with the following, but in the last sentence the fact seems to have been overlooked that the individual has *as a mason* no more communication with the outside world than has the lodge. The attempt by either to use the Masonic status of the applicant as a make-weight in such a case, is to our mind utterly inexcusable:

2. A subordinate lodge, as such, has no communication with the outside world, and therefore should not give an official endorsement to a brother who is an applicant for a position under the government or a corporation. This does not apply to the individual members of such lodge, nor prevent them mentioning his masonic standing.

The following touches a mooted point:

6. The presence of either the master or one of the wardens is necessary, not only to open and close the lodge, but also during its session, for the transaction of business and conferring of degrees.

It is well settled law in most Grand Lodges, or at least in a large majority of them, that in the absence of the master and both wardens a lodge cannot be opened except by the grand master or his proxy, and in our own grand lodge this is specifically stated in the by-laws. We think, too, that there is a general consensus that this principle ought to apply to the subsequent proceedings in case the one officer present authorized to open the lodge retires before the business or work in hand is concluded; but on this point the consensus is not so unanimous. To our mind the situation is in some respects analogous to that in which a legislative body finds itself when the absence of a quorum is disclosed. Legislative work at once ceases, but the crippled body is still capable of lawful adjournment, even if its power to compel the attendance of a quorum had been exerted in vain.

Should we find ourselves up against such a problem through

the premature retiring of the ranking officer who had placed us in the chair, we should feel warranted in closing the lodge in regular form; and while we would not entertain any new business, or begin the conferring of a degree, if an initiation had been begun and had passed the pivotal point whereby one is made a Mason, we should feel warranted in concluding the ceremonies, self-assured that we had not endangered the Masonic status of the candidate.

The concluding four decisions all invite comment, viz.:

12. Jurisdiction over residents of this State is exclusive, and no subordinate lodge has the power to waive such jurisdiction in favor of a lodge in a sister grand jurisdiction.

13. A lodge in this grand jurisdiction cannot make Masons of profanes living in another grand jurisdiction, even though jurisdiction may be waived by a lodge in such other grand jurisdiction.

14. Persons initiated, passed or raised in violation of the foregoing two edicts are irregularly made Masons, and must be "healed" before being entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry in this grand jurisdiction.

15. A petition for affiliation, like a petition for initiation, when received in a legal manner, cannot be withdrawn or otherwise disposed of except by ballot.

The exceptional status of the law of jurisdiction prevailing in Alabama affords the only basis for the conclusion reached in No. 12. In that State territorial jurisdiction is concurrent, limited only by State lines. A lodge may receive a petition from any resident of Alabama, regardless of his local residence, the only limitation upon its action being that it must inquire as to his character of the lodge nearest to which he lives, but does not have to ask for a waiver before acting upon the petition. The decision states that jurisdiction over residents of the State is exclusive, and as we have seen that such jurisdiction as is possessed over any resident is vested in no one lodge, it would seem to be a logical conclusion that waiver in favor of a lodge in another State could only be effected by the concurrent action of all the lodges.

We have spoken of the exceptional nature of the Alabama law on this subject. In nearly, if not quite all, the other grand jurisdictions in North America, lodges are recognized as possessing certain territorial jurisdiction, usually defined as extending half way on right lines between neighboring lodges but in some States dependent upon arbitrary lines, usually town boundaries. The prevailing rule that the applicant must apply to the nearest lodge seems to have grown out of the multiplication of lodges, just as the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction of grand lodges grew out of a plurality of grand lodges in this country, experience having shown that, as with nations, the only way peace could be kept was for each to respect the territory of the other; at all events it came to be a recognized principle of masonic jurisprudence in most Ameri-

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The general recognition of the right of a lodge to say who among applicants residing in its territory should be made Masons, in advance of Grand Lodge legislation on the subject, shows that territorial jurisdiction is not among the attributes conferred upon the lodge by gift of the Grand Lodge, but rather it is evoked for the lodge out of the general law of Masonry, by the act of the Grand Lodge in making it a regular and duly constituted body. Like the right to accept or reject an applicant by ballot—to which it is so closely related—it is a birthright of the lodge. It is as Brother Jacobs says, exclusive, but its exclusiveness pertains only to the lodge, the only Mason-making body, where, in the nature of things it can alone reside. Recognizing this the Grand Lodge of Illinois has always consistently held that the right to waive its territorial jurisdiction was absolute in the lodge, and by it might be exercised without let or hindrance in favor of any lodge within or without the State.

We presume that the disabilities imposed in No. 14 were laid on them by some pre-existing Alabama law which left the executive no alternative, as it rests, neither on masonic law nor equity. There is no excuse for visiting the penalty of irregularities on the part of the lodge upon the innocent candidate, and masonic jurists are generally agreed that if one is made a Mason in a regular lodge lawfully at labor he is not tainted by any irregularities in his making; he is just as much a lawful Mason as though every step had been of ramrod regularity.

We can think of no good reason for No. 15, and we can recall no other jurisdiction where it would pass muster.

In answer to question referred the jurisprudence committee said that their regulation that a lodge cannot be called off from one day to another does not mean that a lodge cannot remain in continuous session until after midnight; that where the masonic burial service is to be conducted at a distant place, the lodge should be opened at the place where it is located, go and perform the service, return and be closed at its location, and that while the charter should be present at the opening it need not be carried to the place of interment. On this point Georgia differs from New Jersey, where the deceased would be in danger of having his last sleep declared "null, void and of no effect" unless he was interred in the presence of the warrant.

Last year we noted a proposed amendment to the constitution raising the Grand Lodge dues from fifty cents to three times that amount, one dollar of this to be set apart for the establishment of a Masonic home, and chronicled the fact.

similar proposition had previously been twice defeated, the last time by a vote of 220 lodges against 159. This third attempt was beaten still more decisively, 280 lodges voting against it to 135 in its favor.

In spite of this increasingly discouragingly defeat, the Grand Master strongly urged the duty of establishing a home, and the Grand Lodge ordered that a committee of three past grand masters should make a campaign of education throughout the jurisdiction in favor of the increased taxation amendment which was again submitted to the lodges for their action.

We regret to chronicle the success of the constitutional amendment tying the hands of the Grand Lodge by providing that no one shall be eligible to the office of grand master more than one year in any period of six years.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized and recognition denied to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. In declining to recommend the recognition of the latter, the committee on correspondence supplement the conclusive reason therefor that they do not believe that the Scottish Rite ever possessed any authority to create symbolic lodges (all of the Mexican lodges being of that ilk.) with the following quotation from the address of the Grand Master of the Mexican body, a confession that the so-called Masonry of Mexico is intolerant in religion and partisan in politics:

"As far as possible the spread of Masonry has been actively pushed and bearing in mind *the many obstacles which we still have to struggle against before the institution can be considered tolerant in religious matters and neutral in politics.*"
(Italics ours.)

The grand lodge chartered twenty new lodges and continued twelve under dispensation; negatived a position to set apart a certain Sunday in June as "Memorial Day" for paying respect to departed brethren, leaving such things to the pleasure of the lodges; increased the grand secretary's salary from \$1,500 to \$1,800 and added \$400 for clerk hire for his office and recognized the value of Brother Titcomb's correspondence reports by making his position a salaried office, the salary to be paid quarterly.

Benjamin M. Jacobs, of Birmingham, was elected grand master; George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, re-elected grand secretary.

The report on correspondence (269 pp.) is from the practiced hand of Bro. William Yates Titcomb, and is very full and interesting. Seven pages are devoted to his review of our proceedings for 1905, reflecting a very conscientious examination of the volume.

The decisions of Grand Master Wright are commended as breathing the right spirit, and his declaration that "the use of keys and ciphers is a violation of masonic obligations and ground for discipline" arouses the reviewer's enthusiasm.

Bro. Herbert Preston's oration is complimented as impres-

sive and well constructed, and he quotes with deserved approbation the expression of the trustees of the Masonic Orphans Home, in enforcing the idea that the inmates of such institutions should, as early as possible, be placed in good private homes, that "the home is the work of civilization and its choicest flower and fruit."

Quoting the resolutions recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland, reported by this committee, he says:

In the body of his report, our distinguished brother says, after having intimated that in his report, he had not recommended immediate recognition of the new grand lodge because the evidence in hand that a large majority of the lodges would a once have given in their adhesion to the movement for an independent grand lodge if they had been free to act, recognizing the right of the lodges participating in the convention to speak for said lodges, was not complete.

Here he misses the point of our reasons for not recommending recognition the previous year. The point on which, as he says, we waited for further evidence, was not whether a majority of the lodges would have given their adhesion to the movement had they been left free to act—for although we have never doubted that had the English and Scotch district and provincial authorities kept their hands off in a matter in which they had no more right to meddle than had Georgia and Illinois, the desire for local self-government would have swept all or nearly all the lodges in Queensland into the movement, we realize that their interference made it impossible thereafter to get any positive evidence on that point—but whether all the lodges in the state had been invited to be represented in the convention called to consider the question. When evidence that all the lodges had been so invited was forthcoming the Grand Lodge of Illinois knew that all the conditions necessary to give the convention plenary jurisdiction over the whole subject matter had been met, and that to longer delay recognition of a grand lodge regularly formed by the almost unanimous action of all the lodges having a voice in that convention would be a failure to perform a duty too plain to be ignored. But our brother misses the point of our contention he does not miss the contention itself. He says:

We do not concur with our eminent brother in his conclusion because we fail to perceive the correctness of his premise. Considering that every lodge in the territory *was* invited to participate in the movement, the question remains: Did those lodges or a majority of them accept said invitation? No, a large majority of those lodges made no response and did not participate. Should one-fourth— or a little more—of the lodges in a given territory assert authority over the three-fourths of said lodges which did not give their assent to the proposed movement? We see no justice in the proposition, and confess that—which is our respect for Brother Robbins' opinion (and that respect is very high), we cannot concur with him here. Let a

majority of all the lodges in Queensland join in such movement, and we say "God speed them."

Our brother knows—for the whole world knows it—why the non-responding lodges did not respond. As he counts them all in the negative, just as England does, when in fact they were not permitted either to assent or dissent, we are at loss to see why he should raise the question of majority and minority at all, because the claim to so count them is to recognize jurisdiction over the question of establishing a new grand lodge as residing in the parent grand lodges, instead of in the lodges where the law of Masonry puts it.

We are glad to find it still true that there are many matters in which Brother Titcomb and ourselves are in accord, and should be glad to note some of his remarks called out by our report, but between he and Brother Jacobs we have been beguiled into giving so much space to Alabama that we must quit.

Our thanks are due to Grand Secretary Beauchamp for a copy of the reprint of the Alabama proceedings from 1821 (organization) to 1839 inclusive, a well edited and most interesting volume of 500 pages."

In his opening paragraph we find Bro. Robbins saying 'The record says that the Grand Lodge was opened in "Ample Form" instead of due form. This was doubtless a clerical error."

In, at least one Jurisdiction, Virginia we think, it would be "ample", since, by law, the Deputy Grand Master becomes Grand Master on the death of his superior.

Of Acting Grand Master Jacob's dispensations authorizing Lodges to continue to work after losing their Charters he says that "was a clear waste of ink inasmuch as to work was just what these Lodges were set to doing when they were constituted under an authority not subsequently withdrawn."

Well, Brother, have it your way up in Illinois, but here in Alabama the warrant must be present.

As to No. 2 we are not very far apart, for with us of Alabama the individual is prohibited from using Masonic sign or symbol to forward his business interests, or to base his claims to consideration in the business world, or political, on the fact that he is a Mason; hence there was no necessity for incorporating a provision, applying to the individual, in said decision.

As to decision No. 6 we have no controversy with Brother Robbins, nor, as it seems to us, does he find fault with the decision.

As regards decision No. 12, we cannot agree to "The prevailing rule that the applicant must apply to the nearer Lodge." Before a person makes application for admission to the Fraternity, we as Masons have no authority over him. He may petition what Lodge soever he pleases. We are inclined to concede, however, that "territorial jurisdiction is not among the attributes conferred upon the Lodge by gift of the Grand Lodge but rather it is evoked for the Lodge out of the general law of Masonry" pertaining to it as a duly constituted, regular body, and, individually, we are of the opinion that the Lodge has original right to waive its territorial jurisdiction "without let or hindrance."

As concerns his criticism of No. 14 we are not prepared to controvert the same with any convincing argument, since, if the degree is conferred in a regular, duly constituted Lodge, though some irregularity occurs, it is not the fault of the candidate and he is a Mason all right.

Our Brother "can think of no good reason for No. 15 and he "can recall no other jurisdiction where it would pass muster."

Let us see about that: since the applicant for affiliation submits his petition with a view to its undergoing the ordeal of investigating committee and ballot, the time for him to withdraw it, if he desires so to do, is before the same is referred to a committee, because after such reference the case must be disposed of by ballot after the committee's report thereon. The matter is not complete until a ballot is had after the committee reports. Any other course is trifling.

We thank our eminent Brother for kind mention of the Alabama report on Correspondence.

As respects Queensland, he says we "missed the point of his reasons for not recommending recognition, the previous year." He will pardon us for misunderstanding his point in the argument, and thank him for correcting us.

But we still insist that we should wait for a majority of the Lodges in the territory to *actually* favor the movement, in order to recommend recognition.

We have given Brother Robbins so much space that we must desist lest Illinois get much more than her share of our space in the event of her Proceedings coming in time before we go to press which will be before this month is out.

INDIANA.

86TH ANNUAL—NINETEENTH YEAR—INDIANAPOLIS—MAY, 1907.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 530—Number represented, 526—Membership, 47,353—Net increase, 2,294.

Bro. Lincoln V. Cravens, M.: W.: Grand Master.

We are pleased to see on the initial pages of this volume the portraits of Past Grand Masters, Martin H. Rice and Calvin W. Prather, one the valued Grand Treasurer and the other the most efficient Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, on Tuesday, May 28th, with the M.: W.: Grand Master in the Grand East, and the other Grand Officers at their respective posts of duty. Of Past Grand Masters there were sixteen present, and of Grand Representatives, twenty-nine, M.: W.: Bro. Martin H. Rice appearing for Alabama, Nebraska, and Vermont.

In his excellent address the Grand Master did not fail to return thanks to the Giver of All Good for blessings enjoyed; nor did he omit to pay his tribute of love and respect to the Fraternal Dead. The Death Angel had cut down seven hundred and four of the Indiana Brethren—quite a harvest for the inexorable reaper.

Nothing of importance had occurred to disturb friendly relations subsisting between his Grand Lodge and other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Masons of Indiana responded to the call for contributions to relieve the sufferers by earthquake and fire in California, on April 18, 1906, raising the handsome sum of \$5,718.50 for that object.

Three Lodges had been constituted—four new Lodges organized—five Lodge halls dedicated—twenty-three dispensations issued to elect officers out of time—five, to elect Worshipful Masters—nineteen, to permit changes of location—seven corner-stones laid—three duplicate charters issued, originals burned up, and two Lodges consolidated.

The Grand Master discussed earnestly the proper and improper use of the black ball, quoting, at length, the forcible address of the Grand Master of Delaware, on this subject, calling the attention of his Grand Lodge thereto.

With the most of the twenty-two decisions reported we can find no fault.

No 6 is as follows:

"6. A "transient" is not eligible for the degrees. He must acquire a residence of six months in the State."

In Alabama a person must acquire a residence of 12 months in the State.

A majority of the Jurisprudence Committee approved all the decisions, save one—No. 21, which ruled against trial of one suspended for gross U. C.; but two members disagreed with the rest on decisions No. 11 and No. 15. No. 11 was as follows:

"11. Can a man, who has lost his left foot, and has an artificial foot, be made a Mason?"

"No, I am not sure but what the time is coming soon when the reason for this situation will have passed, but there is no power in the Grand Lodge to alter the ancient landmarks."

The following is No. 15:

"15. A petitioner who has lost the entire four fingers of his left hand is eligible to be made a Mason, because that is not such a defect as would prevent him from fulfilling strictly the requirements of Masonry. If it was the right hand the decision would be otherwise."

After some discussion and the offering of resolutions and amendments, the committee's report, was amended by approval of decision 21, which the committee had disapproved (justly we think). Then on motion the report was re-committed with

instructions to report "tomorrow morning." The outcome of the final consideration of the committee's report, was that Grand Lodge sustained all the decisions of the Grand Master. Decision No. 21 was, that charges of gross unmasonic conduct could not be preferred against a brother while he was under suspension N. P. D. Grand Lodge sustained said decision, notwithstanding that the law committee reported as follows:

"Past Grand Master Martin H. Rice presented the following:

"ON DECISIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER."

"To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as appears under the head of "Decisions," would respectfully report that we find a list of twenty-two questions, numbering from 1 to 22, inclusive, upon which answers were returned and decisions rendered. All of these have been critically considered by your committee, and with one exception have been approved as being in conformity with the regulations of this Grand Lodge. The exception disapproved by your committee is as follows:

"21. Can charges of gross unmasonic conduct be preferred against a Mason while he is under the penalty of indefinite suspension for nonpayment of dues?"

"Replying to the above, I answered no, as being suspended, the brethren of the Lodge desiring to try him could hold no Masonic intercourse with him, suggesting that the Lodge could voluntarily remove the penalty of suspension, by a majority vote, thus placing him in a position of non-affiliate. Then the charges could be preferred and he could be tried without a violation of our obligations."

"Your committee find that this decision was made in direct opposition to a decision made by Grand Master Van Valzah in 1879, which we quote:

"Question. Can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, or has been dimitted, be tried and expelled for gross unmasonic conduct?"

"Answer. Yes."

"Again your committee find in the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1893, the Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported: 'A Mason who has been indefinitely suspended is still a Mason and liable to Masonic punishment, although prohibited from the exercise of his Masonic privileges during the pleasure of the Lodge.' Both of these rulings were approved by the Grand Lodge, and as the latest decisions approved by this body now stand as Masonic law in this Grand Jurisdiction."

"In the above rulings, as quoted, the Grand Master has set aside these former decisions of the Grand Lodge, and has endeavored to support himself by an explanation and suggestion

to the Lodge which your committee deems wholly impracticable, that of removing the penalty of suspension and placing the suspended brother in the position of a non-affiliate. The offense for which the member was suspended still stands against him. It is a mild punishment, and the only one, that the Grand Lodge of Indiana permits in case a member of a Lodge fails to comply with the By-Laws of his Lodge in the payment of his dues. It simply takes from him the enjoyment of the rights and privileges of Masonry until his dues are paid. He can by his own volition, remove the ban at any time within one year by the payment of the sum for which he stands suspended, and at later date by the payment of such sum and a majority vote of his Lodge on his petition for restoration. Until these conditions are complied with, the Lodge cannot voluntarily remove the penalty of suspension by a majority vote as suggested by the Grand Master. The dues must first be paid, or remitted by the Lodge on a clear showing that the suspended brother is unable to pay the same. Dues cannot be remitted for any other cause."

"The point involved in this matter is whether a Mason who has been deprived of the rights and privileges of Masonry for a time, the duration of which is left to his own free will and pleasure, is still subject to the penal jurisdiction of his Lodge? May he, while thus situated, be guilty of gross unmasonic conduct and not be held subject to charges and punishment? Beyond the decisions we have quoted this Grand Lodge has no law upon this subject. Your committee are of the opinion that it is a fixed principle of Masonic law that there is no Masonic wrong without a Masonic remedy. That until a Mason has been expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, he is still subject to the penal jurisdiction of his Lodge, and liable for charges for gross unmasonic conduct for any offense that would warrant the penalty of expulsion. There is no obligation that any Mason has ever taken that would prevent him from sitting in a Masonic court for the trial of a member suspended for the nonpayment of dues, when charged with gross unmasonic conduct, which if proven, would demand his expulsion from Masonry."

"Respectfully submitted,

"Martin H. Rice,
"Lucien A. Foote,
"Daniel McDonald,
"Simeon P. Gillett,
"Olin E. Holloway,
"Edward O'Rourke,
"William Geake,
"Orlando W. Brownback,
"William E. English,
"Mason J. Niblack,
"Committee."

Having given so much space to consideration of the decisions of Grand Master Cravens we must speed the pen and make rather short work of the rest of our paper on Indiana.

The esteemed Grand Secretary, P. G. M. Calvin W. Prather states balance on hand and receipts as \$49,405.46, and total disbursements \$17,951.27, leaving in hands of Grand Treasurer \$31,454.19.

From a supplementary report by the Grand Secretary we learn that when Grand Master Flint of California notified his Indiana Brethren that no more money was needed there remained on hand of the relief fund \$2,048.75. This sum will be devoted to charitable uses.

The Committee on Accounts found the books and accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary correct—his books kept in a thorough, business like way. The committee bestows unstinted praise upon that faithful and efficient officer. The committee also found everything O. K. in the Grand Treasurer's office. The Grand Lodge concurred in the committee's recommendation that Brother Rice be allowed \$400.00, being a commission of 2 per cent. on receipts for the year. M.: W.: Bro. Rice is a zealous, faithful custodian of Grand Lodge funds. The old Temple was made uninhabitable by being scorched during the fire of May 9th.

It having been determined that the interests of the Fraternity demand it, the Building Committee and the Board of the Temple Association, consulting and acting in harmony, the present buildings of Grand Lodge were sold for \$205,000.00. and steps taken for the erection of a new Temple which should be a credit to the Craft and to the city of Indianapolis.

The report of the Building Committee evinces careful consideration of the whole subject; and the contract, entered into by the Grand Lodge Committee and the Board of the Temple Association is a carefully prepared and very complete agreement. Ere long our Indiana Brethren will have a splendid home for Grand Lodge, of which they may be justly proud.

The total debts of the Trustees were \$111,437.32; the total credits of the Trustees were, \$71,644.25, leaving, May 27, 1907.

balance on deposit, \$39,793.27, which with proceeds of sale of the old property, viz.: \$205,000.00, supplies a good basis for operations in providing a new Masonic Temple.

The estimated cost of the building and site, for the new Temple, is \$430,000.00, of which Grand Lodge is to pay one-half, viz.: \$215,000.00; but it is to receive from the Temple Association annually, interest on one-fourth of total cost of construction of said building estimated at \$90,000.00, thus giving it an income from that source, of \$2,700.00 annually. The Grand Lodge agrees to lend the Temple Association \$90,000.00 at four per cent. annual interest payable annually. The contract between the parties was approved, signed, sealed and delivered

CORRESPONDENCE.

Not one iota below his previous high standard is Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald's report on Foreign Correspondence reviewing the proceedings of 58 Grand Lodges. His report takes up about 191 pages of this volume. His review of Alabama—1906 is a fine summary of what was done at our last Communication.

He says that Acting Grand Master Ben. M. Jacobs "seems to have been a worthy successor of the illustrious dead. He quotes approvingly several of M.: W.: Brother Jacobs' fifteen decisions. Although we had about determined to quit copying nice things said of us, Brother McDonald's compliment is so handsome that the Alabama Brethren must see it:

"The report is one of Brother Titcomb's best, and contains a mine of masonic wealth creditable alike to the writer and the venerable Grand Lodge for which it was written."

We don't deserve such praise, but are grateful to our Brother for his good opinion.

At the close of his review he presents some choice, practical selections.

We extract from his "conclusion" the following pertinent remark:

"Everywhere 'good men and true' are knocking at the doors of the Masonic Lodges for the purpose of gaining admission

into an institution which is as firm and lasting as the world itself. The fears expressed by many Grand Masters that the rapid increase in membership shown all over the world would be an element of weakness instead of strength, seems not to have been well founded. Not only in numbers, but in every way, our beloved institution has strengthened and more than kept pace with the progress of the world in the great work of uplifting humanity in which it is engaged. We close this review with a higher regard for Masonry than ever before and with the wish, and the hope, and belief, that it will increase in numbers and in influence until time shall be no more."

We reluctantly say, Good-bye, for the time, to M.: W.: Brother Daniel McDonald of Indiana.

Bro. Walter O. Bragg, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Calvin W. Prather (P. G. M.) R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

33D ANNUAL—ARDMORE—AUGUST, 1906.

Bro. Richard W. Choate, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 186—Members, 7,540—Gain for year, 802. This well printed volume is embellished with a portrait of Grand Master Choate and with a half-tone representation of a feast consisting of two car loads of ripe, sweet, crisp and ice-cold watermelons prepared for Grand Lodge, in those hot August days, by the liberality of a local Brother. Under the picture is the subscription, "Not as Melon (colic) As It Looks."

During the year six Emergent Communications had been held for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

We note with pleasure that at the Grand Annual there were present twelve Past Grand Masters, surely indicating their great interest in Masonry.

We do not find any notice of Grand Representatives present, but do find a Communication from the Representative of Grand Lodge of Indian Territory near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory is R.: W.: Benj. F. Hackett.

The address of the Grand Master is a paper of merit—the utterance of one whose head and heart are evidently in the work of doing his best for the Craft.

He tenderly mentioned, under the heading, "Our Fraternal Dead," the demise of Past Grand Master John Rennie—"greatly esteemed by all the citizens of his town and by all who knew him."

He had issued dispensations for the formation of 17 new Lodges, and twenty-six special dispensations for various purposes—nine of these for conferring degrees out of time. Of his 15 decisions the Law and Usage Committee approved all of them save Nos. 2, 5, 7, and 8.

No. 2 was as follows:

"Held, that proficiency for advancement must be passed upon in the Master Mason's degree at a regular communication, or by a special dispensation."

The committee reported approval of No. 2 after substituting the word "Lodge" for the words, "Masonic degree."

"No. 5" declares that one of the Wardens being present, a Past Master cannot open the Lodge; that the Warden must do. The committee recommended that No. 5 be "approved by saying that any Past Master may open and preside after the Warden has congregated the Lodge."

The Warden should open the Lodge; then if he desires so to do, he may invite a Past Master to preside.

No. 7 was the following:

"7. Held that charges cannot be brought against a Mason, for an offense committed before he applied for the degrees."

Of this decision the committee says:

"That decision No. 7 is in the main correct, but that there are cases which would justify a Lodge in preferring charges for offenses committed previous to the candidate's initiation."

"No. 8" held that a man with an artificial right foot was not eligible to the degree.

This decision the committee did not concur in. Grand Lodge took up the committee's report seriatim. All the items in the same, were adopted except the one relating to preferring charges for offenses committed prior to a brother's initiation, and except the one relating to decision 8 of the Grand

Master. The committee's report that cases might arise, in which the Lodge would be justified in charging and trying a brother for offense committed before he became a Mason was accepted with the addition of the following:

"But that in those cases it should be for imposition on the Craft, instead of for the original offense."

The recommendation of the committee as to decision 8 was not approved, but the Grand Master's decision was sustained. With the exceptions mentioned the report of the committee was adopted in full.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary Joseph Samuel Murrow, in his report took occasion to pay a well merited tribute to two brother Grand Secretaries. He says:

"Little did I think, when in 1880 I was elected Grand Secretary that I would serve the Grand Lodge in this office for twenty-six years and through twenty-eight sessions.

"There are only two Grand Secretaries in the United States now living who were in office in continuous service when the cross pens were placed in my hands. These are Christopher Diehl of Utah, and Cornelius Hedges of Montana. It is a singular coincidence that these two men were each elected the same year, 1872, the same month, the same day of the month and so far as they have been able to trace the records, about the same hour of the day. They are twin Grand Secretaries. They are both grand, good men, and I pray they may both live many more years."

It seems from Brother Murrow's report that printing this proceedings cost, on an average, \$1.50 per page.

All but eleven Lodges had sent in their returns. The Grand Secretary had turned over to the Grand Treasurer from various sources of income \$10,623.52.

The Grand Treasurer's summary of General Funds shows total amount on hand from 1905, and received during the year, \$19,825.01—disbursed (total) \$10,485.49, leaving balance on hand at close of year \$9,339.52.

Total Orphan Home Fund for the year-----\$27,712.53.

Total Orphan Home Fund disbursed for the year, 23,701.70.

Balance of Orphan Home Fund on hand-----\$4,010.83.

Total of both Funds, now on hand-----\$13,350.35

There appears to be an excellent spirit pervading the two Grand Lodges, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, in respect of conditions which now confront them in view of the necessary consolidation of the two Grand Bodies, in consequence of the formation of one State out of the two Territories. Steps are being taken to ensure an amicable settlement of the matter. The question is simply whether the new Body shall take the name of the "Mother" or that of the "Daughter."

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Charters were granted to seventeen Lodges U. D. Next Annual will be held at South McAlester, I. T.

The Grand Orator's address, under the caption, "A Design on God's Trestle Board," was pronounced "magnificent" and ordered published with the Proceedings. It was ingenious and eloquent, and captured his hearers with legendary tales. We are unable to deny on the one hand, or to vouch for, on the other the story of Astaban, the fourth wise man. It is very pleasant to think of America as the new "Promised Land."

We have presented here, a very imperfect review of the Proceeding of this Western Grand Lodge. Perhaps we shall be able to do better next time. The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory is fast forging to the front. It is a truly Masonic Body. During the year 97 Brethren have died.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is the fourth annual review presented by Brother Thomas C. Humphry, Chairman of the Committee, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, in a paper occupying 140 pages, and giving his readers an excellent epitome of those volumes which passed under his critical eye. Brother Humphry's occasional comments are brief and pertinent; his selections are exceedingly happy.

Alabama—1905 is treated to a couple of pages of brotherly and courteous notice. Brother Humphry will please permit the writer to make grateful acknowledgment of nattering personal mention.

While complimenting a certain Grand Orator on his fine ad-

dress, our Brother expressed the opinion that said address would have had more readers if it had been "boiled down one-half." In the writer's estimation, the same process would have greatly improved some orations he might mention—but he will not do so.

Referring to a certain Committee on Ritual, Brother Lumphry fully believes, with said committee, that there should be no cipher ritual, which sentiment this writer applauds.

As to investigating committee he suggests that such committee should not report in writing, and the Secretary should not report in the minutes how the committee reported—simply record on the minutes that committee on the petition of _____, reported and was discharged. The suggestion deserves consideration.

He quotes Brother Robbins' comment on Grand Master Brewster's action as to waiver of jurisdiction over a petitioner for the degrees. We agree with our Brother, of Illinois, that waiver of jurisdiction over a petitioner to a Lodge, is a matter entirely foreign to the functions of a Grand Master. Such action on the part of a Grand Master is, in our opinion, an invasion of the rights of the Lodge.

Bro. William Andrew McBride, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Joseph Samuel Murrow, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

64TH ANNUAL—CLINTON—JUNE, 1907.

Bro. William Fiske Cleveland. M.: W.: Grand Master.

Lodges working, 508—Lodges represented, 453—Membership, Jan. 1, 1907, 37,838—Net increase, 1,131—Number raised, 2,377—Receipts for the year, \$32,993.74—Transfer to Grand Charity Fund and other additions to the same, \$8,012.50.

On the 3d of June, 1907, an Emergent Communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral at Clinton, Iowa. The impressive ceremony on that occasion was witnessed by a large concourse of Masons and citizens.

From the address there delivered (as indeed from all Masonic addresses) there crops out a complacency—a self satisfaction in the fact that we are Free Masons. And it is not only justifiable but praiseworthy. The speaker appropriately illustrated the sentiment with the following:

"Rose dreamed she was a lily;
Lily dreamed she was a rose;
Robin dreamed he was a sparrow,
what the owl dreamed no one knows.
But they all woke up together,
As happy as they could be—
Said each one—"You're very lovely, neighbor,
But I'm very glad I'm me."

Interesting public exercises were had prior to opening of the Annual Grand Communication which took place June 4, 1907.

Grand Master Cleveland presiding, and a large majority of the Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ampie Form. Ten Past Grand Masters, and twenty-one other Past Grand Officers, answered roll call.

The address of the Grand Master evinces very able and faithful administration of Grand Lodge affairs. Had we space to spare for it, a summary thereof would be well worth perusal. As the case stands, a mere glance at the same is all that can be taken.

His well penned exordium opens with the following impressive words:

"It has been well said that there is no beauty in life, but in that part of it which is everlasting. No merit in effort, except such as leaves the impress of its aims in permanence on the edifice of human development. The splendor of the sunlight is the grandest glory of physical nature, but the brilliancy of yesterlay would be forgotten in the glare of today, if we did not know that in the warmth of its rays are borne the seed of life, the germ of ever-recurring generation and regeneration. So in the moral world of thought and spiritual effort those achievements only are memorable and cherished which link themselves into our consciousness and hope of an ever-ascending progress."

Three Lodges to which Charters had been issued, had been duly constituted.

He had granted dispensations for formation of three new

Lodges. One petition was incomplete and before it could be perfected the time limit had expired; so it had been returned to the petitioners.

For the fourth time one petition had been presented to as many different Grand Masters during the past four years but without avail. Reason: Within a radius of 12 or 14 miles from the point indicated are three weak, struggling, Chartered Lodges which would be badly hurt by such new Lodge.

The Grand Master laid three corner-stones. In connection with his report of the same, he says, most appropriately, we think:

"I have accepted every invitation received during the year to lay corner-stones, and have officiated on each and every occasion in person, being fully convinced that the presence of the Grand Officers, and especially that of the Grand Master, upon such occasions in the discharge of his official duties encourages the brethren in their labors and has a tendency to awaken renewed interest upon the part of some of the brethren who may have become weary in well doing."

He makes mention of the arrival, at Cedar Rapids, of the Symbolic Trowel sent out by Justice Lodge, No. 853, of New York City, from Grand Jurisdiction to Grand Jurisdiction, in a due masterly course until it should have encircled the world. It reached Cedar Rapids on St. John's Day, December 27th. Suitable preparations were made for its reception.

"The occasion was graced by the presence of many distinguished citizens and Masons including His Excellency the Governor of Iowa. The trowel is now continuing its journey towards the setting sun, and when it has completed its circle of the globe it is hoped that it may find a final resting place in the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids."

The Grand Master had dedicated the beautiful Masonic Temple at Dubuque, Iowa.

The Grand Master expressed himself clearly and forcibly on the subject of Masonic relief. He evidently thinks that a Lodge not having been consulted in the contracting of expenses on account of a sick or deceased brother of said Lodge, was not legally or morally bound to pay a claim for such expenses; nevertheless, after deducting any items in the bill

deemed excessive, if the Lodge could see its way clear to pay the balance, it would be right and proper to do so.

He reported no decisions, having answered nearly all questions by reference to the Masonic Code. He urges Masters to post themselves in the laws.

After highly commending the District Lecturers and the Board of Custodians for the excellence of their work, he adds:

"Yet this is not all there is in Masonry. While a thorough and accurate knowledge of the ritual cannot be too highly appreciated, there are many good, true Masons, who though not ritualists in the full acceptance of the term, are laboring for the upbuilding of Masonry quite successfully along other lines. The brother who, in addition to a perfect knowledge of our beautiful ritual, continues his studies and researches into the origin and symbolic meaning of our ceremonies, is storing his mind with useful knowledge that will broaden his views of life and lead him to accept those moral truths upon which our Masonic superstructure is erected."

We must not omit to state that the Grand Master is "dead set" against the issue of dispensations to permit the receiving and acting on petitions for the degrees, cut off time.

Grand Secretary, Newton R. Parvin submits an excellent report, detailing the work of his office and making valuable suggestions.

We desire to congratulate Brother Parvin upon his recovery from serious illness, and upon the success that attends his laborious efforts as Librarian of that splendid Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids. No little task is that of cataloguing that great multitude of books. But the accomplishment of the work is in sight.

At the close of the Grand Treasurer's report we find the following:

June 1st, 1907, cash on hand, \$33, 552.16. From the report on the Grand Charity Fund it is learned that during the year \$4,410.00 had been dispensed in relief to the needy. Under the head of 'Continued Relief' it appears that the total was \$1,133.50.

On recommendation of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

On favorable report of the Committee on Dispensations, Charters were granted to three Lodges U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a very able report which is too full to be reproduced in this paper. In the course of its report, the committee considers a legal query submitted to it, under the following statement:

-- former resident of Freeport, Ill., now residing at Iowa City, has petitioned Iowa City Lodge for the degrees. While a resident of Illinois he petitioned a Lodge there and was rejected.

"The question for us to decide is: Must the Iowa City Lodge obtain a waiver of jurisdiction from the Illinois Lodge? We answered No.'

Then the committee cites section 144 of the Code, which states that the Grand Lodge of Iowa does not recognize the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected profane, either within or without Iowa. But the rejected applicant must wait six months before again applying.

Alabama holds to said doctrine, but the idea of doing away with it, seems to be gaining ground in the United States. Personally, the writer inclines to think that much discussed doctrine should lapse into what Ex-President Cleveland termed "inocuous desuetude."

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead is a masterpiece of necrological literature.

In looking through this volume, we have received our first intelligence of the death of that grand and genial member of the Guild, Cornelius Hedges of Montana. No more may we read his pithy reports. Peace to his soul!

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is, this time, presented by Past Grand Master Chas. C. Clark. Although we greatly miss his cultured predecessor, Brother Marcombe, we are glad to see that he has so worthy a successor.

Brother Clark is no tyro. He is an accomplished writer. His polished sentences are full of vim, and his perceptions are clear. His entrance into the Guild of reporters will be gladly welcomed.

In his "Foreword" he gives us a fine and somewhat spicy piece of good English.

His notice of Alabama—1906 is brotherly and generous. Of the address of Grand Master Ben. M. Jacobs he has this to say.

"The Grand Master deprecates newspaper notoriety, saying very pertinently: 'The publication of names of persons initiated, etc., I do not think is proper. It looks too much like the Lodge conceives it has received an honor, rather than that it has conferred one, especially when notice is given that one or more prominent men of a community have been received as members. I regard no man so great that he is not honored by receiving the degrees in Masonry.' He urges in strongest terms the establishment of a widows' and orphans' home. From his statements we are led to believe that no organized effort for the relief of cases of destitution among the brethren or their families exists, so far as the Grand Lodge is concerned. This is, of course, of paramount importance, but for practical results, without the ostentatious display incident to a 'Home,' we commend to all inquiring brethren the plan of the Iowa Grand Lodge. The fund plan does not contribute to that 'we-point-with-pride' feeling which a well appointed and beautifully conducted 'Home' arouses, but in our observation, it does far more in the way of plain every-day assistance than ever can be accomplished by the most elaborate or systematically-run institution.

"The thoughts of the peroration are good. Witness the following:

"So is written the history of the year. Prosperity sits at our gates. On our altars peacefully burn the fires of fraternity. The fragrant garlands of friendship are twined about our pillars. The true light comes from the East and falls with resplendent splendor upon the banner of an organization committed to the practice of every noble deed, taught to cherish every worthy thought."

"The address, as a whole, is of a high class. With the practical ideas of the business man are blended those touches of true sentiment which appeal especially to us, committened as we are to a belief that the address of the Grand Master should be something more and further than a mere recital of affairs of clerical routine. The fraternity stands for something else than mere business, and its head should in his message to the craft embody some, at least, of those high and inspiring thoughts which make it a tremendous power for the uplift of humanity, a sure and steady light for the path leading to real goodness, a safe guide in times of danger, and a conservator of all that is good and pure and beautiful."

While gratefully appreciating his very kind reference to our

own report, we feel that he gives us very much better than our deserts in the following:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother W. Y. Titcomb, and it is up to his usual mark, indeed in many particulars he surpasses his former work. He has the happy faculty of commenting with extreme conciseness and clearness upon any excerpts from the report he is reviewing, and his work must be read, not abstracted, to fully get the value of his observations and the benefit of his wide reading and scholarly achievements."

Brother Clark and the writer are not very far apart as to the right of dimit, in case the Lodge holds a claim against the brother apart from his dues.

We are glad to note that our Brother believes wooden legs, and hands minus a finger or two, are less detrimental to Masonry than wooden heads and unresponsive hearts. Also that he denounces cipher ritual. Under Idaho, his views as to "documentary evidence," strongly commend themselves to us.

Under Kansas he ably champions the "Fund" plan of relief in lieu of the Institutional plan.

Under Louisiana, he again stands squarely on the anti-cipher platform, as well as on preservation of the work of the fathers. But we must stop. Although our 80th birth day is long passed, we indulge the hope of meeting Brother Clark at the round table again next year. We'll not attempt to paint the lily by complimenting Bro. Parvin on the beauty of his volume.

Bro. Rollin Madison Hunter, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Newton R. Parvin, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

ANNUAL REPORT—DUBLIN—1906.

The pamphlet on our table, lately received from Ireland, contains the annual address of the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Jas. Creed Meredith, together with statistics and accounts. The larger part of these pages is taken up by the address.

The initial page of the book introduces us to a picture of

four distinguished looking men—a dignified, intellectual, gentlemanly lot, to our mind. They are the following: Deputy Grand Master, Sir James Creed Meredith; Grand Treasurer W. J. Chetwode Crawley, L. L. D.; Deputy Grand Secretary, H. E. Flavelle and Grand Chaplain The Rev. Benjamin Gibson, M. A.

We have read R.: W.: Brother Meredith's address through and are frank to say we like it. The author of it is the head of a great family, informing and communing with the members thereof—no effort at oratory; nevertheless an easy grace of utterance, and (prime quality) real directness of speech.

Most of what the speaker said was of especial interest to our Irish Brethren alone. From what he remarked concerning the "Three Jewels of Freemasonry," the "Girls' School," the "Boys' School," and the "Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund" it is made plain that these great benefactions are of inestimable value to the children of Masons left in poverty, and to the poor widows of Freemasons. As showing the good results of these schools, at the "Intermediate Examinations," while the average of said Examinations for all Ireland—that is for boys' schools throughout the land—was 62, the percentage for boys, from the Masonic Boys' School, was 74. Under similar comparison, the average for girls' schools all over Ireland being 62, the record of "our" (their) Girls' School was 89.

None under 60 years old can receive the benefit of the Annuity Fund.

As illustrating the beauty and universality of Masonry, we extract as follows:

"In North Munster a new Lodge room has been built in Nenagh. In Limerick there exists a Masonic Club, which has a large membership. The Grand Master of the Province of North Munster, Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., has informed me that Lodge No. 13, in the city of Limerick possesses two very valuable antiquities—one a large silver cup—the other what is stated to be the oldest known Masonic Jewel. This latter consists of a small brass square, found during the taking down of Ball's Bridge, in the city of Limerick, which was a very ancient structure, and was taken down in 1823. This jewel is dated 1517, that is as closely as possible 400 years ago. and it bears upon it this inscription:—

"We strive to live with love and care
Upon the level and by the square,"
which, I think, establishes the Masonic connection of that jewel. (Applause.)

As regards the silver cup, the history is exceedingly interesting. It was first referred to about the middle of the last century by one who was a most distinguished and pre-eminent Freemason at that time—Bro. Michael Furnell. Ten or twelve years ago it was the subject of an article published by our Brother the Grand Treasurer, whom I think I may justly call the Great Antiquarian of the Order—and about three years ago a most interesting paper referring to it by Brother H. F. Berry, a Past Master of the Trinity College Lodge, appeared in the Transactions of the Quartuor Coronati Lodge. It appears that during the War of 1813 there was a worthy member of Lodge No. 13, Limerick—a namesake, by the way, of our present Grand Sword Bearer—he was the James Campbell of those days—(applause)—who was the owner of a sloop called "The Three Friends." While at sea he happened to fall in with the French privateer "Le Furet," which was commanded by Louis Marincourt. The French privateer captured "The Three Friends," and made the captain and crew prisoners of war, but Marincourt found that Campbell and he were brother Masons, and he immediately declared that he could not retain captive his Brother Campbell, and he therefore at once released him and his crew restored to him his sloop. Bro. Campbell, on his return to Ireland, reported to the Brethren in Limerick the generous treatment he had received at the hands of the Frenchman, whereupon the members of Lodge No. 13 subscribed 100 pounds, which they invested in the purchase of a silver cup. Silver cups, in those days, remember, were a good deal dearer than silver cups are now. This cup, suitably inscribed, was as soon as possible on the termination of the war, sent over to France to Brother Marincourt, with the fraternal greetings of Lodge No. 13. But poor Marincourt had died before the cup arrived, and his friends, after a short time, thinking it would be a memento which would be highly valued by the Brethren in Limerick, returned the cup to Limerick, where it is now to be found as one of the sacred and valued possessions of Lodge No. 13, Limerick. (Applause.)

A handsome representation of the Louis Marincourt Cup, appears in this volume.

The Deputy Grand Master had been asked whether, after suspension, if a Brother is restored, he is restored to membership of his Lodge, or to good Masonic standing only. He ruled that said Brother thus regained Masonic standing only.

If said restoration was by action of the Grand Lodge, we must emphatically agree with Sir James.

Asked "with reference to the election of persons hailing from a distant country, as to whether inquiries should be made in that distant country", the Deputy Grand Master intimated that, if such a party had been in Ireland but a few weeks, he should "hold that we" (they) "have no right to admit into Masonry that man. He ought to be left to the jurisdiction to which he belongs. We are not to pick up stray strangers here, as they do in sister jurisdictions, and bring a man into Masonry of whom we know nothing." Well said.

The writer would commend this matter to the "prayerful consideration" of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

From "Accounts and Statistics" we learn that the total receipts, for 1906—General Account and Charity Account—were \$22,090.22.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Sir Jas. Creed Meredith, L. L. D., R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. H. E. Flavelle, W.: Deputy Grand Secretary & Treas.

KANSAS.

51ST ANNUAL—WICHITA—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Total number of Lodges, 379—Members, Dec. 31, 1906, 28,764
—Net gain, 1,597.

Bro Thomas S. Bond, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Frontispiece—M.: W.: Brother Bond's portrait.

When Grand Lodge was opened it appeared that eleven Past Grand Masters were present, also 32 Grand Representatives, but not our minister, Bro. Thomas J. Anderson. Where was he, Brother Miller? The total attendance at Grand Lodge was 597
—Total number of Lodges represented, 287.

The address of the Grand Master (13 pp.) is a clearly expressed, businesslike paper which evinces thorough devotion to the interests of the Craft and intelligent conduct of its affairs.

As a sample of his trend of thought, we quote the following:

"This is a period of mental unrest. Never in the history of the race have men more eagerly and zealously searched for the truth. Investigators have ceased to subscribe to any doctrine because it is asserted by those high in authority or advocated by those of great learning. Rational philosophy is freeing the human mind from fetters of dogmatic theology. Ecclesiastical bigotry no longer usurps the authority of the individual conscience.

The cowardice which feared to antagonize superstition has been supplanted by a courage which yields blind adherence to no dogma and applies the gauge of reason to every statement not axiomatic.

Only mental inert, or those to whom mental exertion is a burden, permit intelligence to abdicate in favor of implicit credulity.

Agnosticism, which is content to disclaim, surrender to a rational faith which confidently affirms. Though much remains in darkness and doubt, the rifts in the clouds of obscurity permit occasional glimpses of resplendent truth.

God, the terrible, is vanishing, and divine love everywhere appears. Men more fully comprehend the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is becoming universal."

On receipt of intelligence of the San Francisco calamity he had, with the advice of the Council of Administration, directed the Grand Master of California to draw on the Grand Lodge of Kansas for \$500.00. He reports that additional contributions had been made by the Constituent Lodges and other sources aggregating \$1,310.00.

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of six new Lodges. Five corner-stones had been laid. A number of special dispensations had been granted. Among these several were for waiving time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees. In all such cases close scrutinizing had been exercised.

The Grand Master took occasion to give "many of the Lodges" a casting for their "flagrant courtesy in disregarding communications from the Grand Secretary and thereby showing contemptuous disregard of the action "of Grand Lodge.—This, with reference to proposed amendment to Constitution.

Some Secretaries elsewhere, might not without profit heed these words.

Of the Grand Master's 19 decisions submitted, all but three viz.: Nos. 4, 5, and 15, were approved:

No. 4 was as follows: "A petitioner without the physical qualifications was initiated, and then objection was made to his advancement because of his physical disability. I held that he should not have been initiated, but, having been initiated, it would be a gross injustice to him to refuse him advancement unless his physical disability prevented him from performing the work of Speculative Masonry and complying with the requirements of the Masonic ritual." "Disapproved."

The Grand Master was right. The initiate was now a Mason, and should have been allowed to go forward, if he could receive and impart the ceremonial of the ritual, unless obnoxious to charges.

No. 5. "Can the Lodge funds be used for the purpose of placing a memorial window in a church?" Answer: "No." "Disapproved."

And rightly so in our opinion.

No. 15. "Can the funds of a Masonic Lodge be used to employ detectives?" Answer: "No." "Disapproved."

We concur in said disapproval. As we have had occasion, heretofore, to remark, when a Lodge has a surplus in the Treasury after fulfilling all its obligations, it is nobody's business, outside of the Lodge, to sit in judgment upon what it does with its spare cash, provided, there be, in its use of said funds, no infraction of good morals.

The Grand Treasurer's Trial Balance shows balance cash on hand, \$31,185.97.

Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson's report is a model one replete with important data for the information of the Brethren.

He includes in his report, the communication, from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia proposing celebration of the 200th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England. (The First Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.). That matter has been more particularly referred to elsewhere; therefore we pass it here. The Grand Secretary's receipts from all sources were \$32,497.82. All of which were paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers.

R.: W.: Brother Albert K. Wilson, as Librarian, has in his care hundreds of unbound volumes, which should be bound and placed in the Library. It is the same case with many of our Grand Lodges. He recommends appropriation of \$200.00 for purchase of books, etc., for the Library.

The Grand Orator delivered an impressive address on "The Mission of Freemasonry." Ordered printed in the proceedings

On February 20th occurred the formal presentation of a beautiful Chapel, built on the Masonic Home grounds, by the praiseworthy efforts of the O. E. S., to the Grand Lodge. These ladies are entitled to the highest encomiums for their unselfish endeavors to help and uplift the poor and needy. The ceremony of the Presentation and Acceptance of the Chapel was very impressive.

Exemplification of the Master Mason Degree took place the same day at 7:30 p. m. under conduct of the Custodians and Assistant Lecturers.

The Committee on Correspondence made a "supplemental" report, covering eight pages, and recommending recognition of the following Grand Lodges, viz.: Alberta, Puerto Rico, Valle de Mexico and Queensland. The report evinces care and considerable research, especially in its advocacy of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. In regard to the last named Grand Lodge the writer's views have been fully set forth heretofore. Suffice it to say that, in a given territory, it is not, in his opinion, right for three, or a half-dozen or any minority of Lodges to assume authority—jurisdiction—over 60 or 100 other Lodges, in the same territory, without the *expressed* consent of the latter.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., Charters were granted to six such Lodges.

On recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to which that part of the Grand Master's address relative to Lodges that disregarded their duty as to voting on

amendments to the Constitution, 12 Lodges were suspended for thirty days, and 12 Lodges were suspended for sixty days.

That action was a short step, but was taken in the right direction. The decree of suspension is to be effective the day following the first stated meeting after receipt of notice from Grand Secretary.

We are glad to find that the Jurisprudence Committee was of the opinion that every Lodge has the inherent right to control its own funds—surplus, of course.

Said committee emphasized its approval of decision 7 which rules that it is not proper for Lodge Officers to use the ritual book, in conferring degrees. The committee was of the opinion that it was not wise to promulgate and announce any formal decision, as to physical qualification, other than that contained in the "Charges of a Freemason." The committee's report on these and other matters was adopted.

Several interesting biographical sketches grace this volume.

The representation of the nine appointive officers of Grand Lodge, grouped on one page of this volume makes a very creditable appearance.

On February 19th, the Association of Past Grand Masters met pursuant to regulation. 10 P. G. M.'s were in attendance.

In the writer's opinion, the idea of forming such an association is a good one. The meetings are, no doubt, mere or less informal, and what we might style, The Retired List is likely to keep in closer touch, thereby, with Grand Lodge, a more regular attendance on the Grand Communications being thus assured.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It was with real regret that we learned of Past Grand Master Wm. M. Shaver's determination to lay aside the reportorial pen, which had been so influential in moulding opinion among the Craftmen; nevertheless, a worthy successor, Matthew M. Miller (P. G. M.) has taken up the reviewer's task, and has shown himself equal to the occasion.

He gives to Alabama—1905 a page and one-third of fraternal notice. As a specimen of his style of writing we give bodily his onslaught upon this scribe, prefacing, however, that in his concluding paragraph he honors Alabama and equally does honor to himself. Here is what he says:

"**CORRESPONDENCE.**—Rev. W. Y. Titcomb, chairman Committee on Correspondence, presented a report of 269 pages, of which Kansas received five.

The worthy brother, notwithstanding his age, still fails to find enough connection between the patriotism and loyalty required of Masons to the government of the country in which they live, to make the flag of that country an appropriate emblem for a masonic lodge. We know an old member of the Craft who admits a like inability he once had, to see anything estimable, emblematically or otherwise, in a flag he followed once for four days, while a nominal guest of Forrest's cavalry. This is simply incidental, not a "reference to an allusion."

We heartily endorse the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, urging the Craft to use their influence so that a common school education may be placed within the reach of every child in the State, and believe an abject apology was due from the Wisconsin reporter until further on we read,

{ "But we will not pursue consideration of our brother's unhappy innuendo further, lest by doing so we descend from the elevated plane of masonic inquiry to the slums of politics." It is inconceivable to us how the question whether the poor and illiterate shall have a chance for educational betterment can be transferred "to the slums of politics" upon any other theory than a denial of the right of education for reasons utterly beyond any masonic conception of the obligation of the Craft.

Anything pertaining to education—to intellectual or moral betterment—should be treated as a general concern for the elevation of humanity of all classes and conditions of men, and as such the Grand Lodge of Alabama has taken a step which is highly creditable to the Craft.

Patriotism, education and charity or love are indispensable requisites for good citizenship, as well as a most desirable combination in those who seek admission to Masonry, and the three, like Masonry, belong to an elevated plane, where "politics" should not be permitted to intrude."

"Rev."?—Wish we were good enough to be called, Rev.

As to the flag, our Brother will pardon us for intimating that our views remain unshaken.

In the passage we have bracketed, Brother Miller has "flown

the track" so to speak. The question of said education was not the cause of the remark which arouses our Brother's indignation, but the slur upon the Grand Lodge of Alabama was what instigated the words.

Under Maryland, we find the following which is worthy of consideration:

Under British Columbia, where the Grand Master, in answer to the query, "Can a Mason who has dimitted, but in good standing in the chapter, be buried by his mother lodge?" replied "No." Bro. S. asks: "We should like to know why a lodge may not, if it sees proper, bury a dimitted Mason?" We think the question pertinent. Until our Grand Lodge legislatures began to furnish special legislation on every conceivable thing under the sun, there was a well grounded masonic principle, "Once a Mason always a Mason." There were two kinds of Masons, affiliated and non-affiliated, and the one with a dimitt was just as much entitled to, and received, the courtesy of his brethren as the other, and in case of distress or death received equal attention. We have never asked the question when asked to bury a Mason, whether he was dimitted or not; whether his receipt for dues was up to date or not; and in one instance know a brother to have received masonic burial who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and as the poverty of the brother should have been known to the lodge, and if known, would have made his suspension improper, we think the Master justified in his action.

Bro. Edward W. Willington, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Albert K. Wilson, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

106TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1906.

Bro. James Garrett, M.: W.: Grand Master.

The Grand Master's portrait adorns the first page of this thick volume.

The record-breaking number of 20 Past Grand Masters reported as present; and the list of Grand Officers at their posts was gapless.

In the Grand Secretary's summary we find the number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Kentucky to be 501. While we

total membership is not found in said summary, the net gain for the year is put at 1,601.

In his comprehensive address the Grand Master presented a model business paper, clearly setting forth every detail considered.

He paid touching tribute to the memory of the venerable Brother Jas. T. Davidson, Grand Tyler for nearly a third of a century, but now deceased.

By proxy he had laid six corner-stones and dedicated four Masonic Halls. Granted fifteen dispensations for public installation of Lodge Officers. Arrested the Charter of several Lodges which had not paid their fines for failing to pay Grand Lodge dues within the time prescribed by law; and the Charter of one Lodge for intemperate, outrageous conduct on the part of several of its members both without and within the precincts of the Lodge.

An ex-employee of the Widows' and Orphans' Home had made complaint about the internal management of that Institution. The Grand Master had caused a thorough investigation to be made, with the result that a complete refutation of the charge was demonstrated, and with the further result that "the admirable management of the affairs of the Home" was made perfectly clear.

He (the Grand Master) had called attention of the Lodges to a resolution adopted by the last Grand Lodge setting apart June 24th to be celebrated for the benefit of the Old Masons' Home, and he had requested every Lodge to raise some money for this charity. Forty-three Lodges with other Masonic bodies and Brethren had reported to the Grand Secretary a collection of \$10,000.00 for that object, and the A. & A. S. Rite had offered to fit up one of the wards in the new building as soon as it is completed, also Bro. Frederick Webber, Gen. Grand Secretary of the Scottish Rite, headquarters in Washington City, had made similar proposal.

The Grand Master says of "The Masonic":

"When this magnificent edifice was erected it was named, "The Masonic" to distinguish it from the Old Masonic Temple

at Fourth and Jefferson Sts.. owned at that time by Jones Bros. The Old Temple had been removed, and "The Paul Jones" is being erected on the site. He suggested that the name, "The Masonic," be now changed to the time honored name, Masonic Temple. (We like the name, Masonic Hall.)

His suggestion, to throw over into the rubbish that name, "The Masonic," is a good one; the words always grated on our ears. However, we were willing to leave the matter to Bros. Grant and Todd of Minnesota.

When he came into office last year the Grand Lodge was in debt for the new structure, to the amount of \$221,500.00. During the past year the said debt has been reduced \$15,000.00. By close watching and economy it can be reduced year by year until extinguished.

As contributions from the various Lodges and Brethren, the Grand Treasurer had forwarded to Grand Master Motley H. Flint of California, the sum of \$2,564.15 additional to \$300.00 the Grand Master had already sent thither for the sufferers by earthquake and fire.

During the year the Grand Master had officially visited four Lodges.

He submitted four decisions, the first three of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On the fourth decision, which reads as follows:

"4. Several Lodges and individuals have requested me to construe the amendment to the Constitution, which was adopted in 1903, which reads as follows:

Provided. That if he shall remain suspended for more than two years *from and after this date* he can only be restored to good standing on the payment of the dues charged against him at the time of his suspension, and being re-elected to membership by unanimous ballot, at a stated meeting, one month's previous notice having been given by petition in open Lodge."

"Section 6, Article VIII, as amended, reads:

"Any brother suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be suspended only until payment is made; and the payment of the amount charged against him, according to the by-laws of his Lodge shall restore him to full membership without any action on the part of the Lodge. *Provided*."

Then follows the proviso just quoted.

The Grand Master's comment being included, in which he

intimated that from and after the date of the passage of the law in 1903, was the meaning of said law, the Jurisprudence Committee dissented from the view taken by the Grand Master.

Pending consideration of the Committee's report Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until "tomorrow morning." We fail to find in this volume any record of further consideration of that matter. A natural construction of the italicised words in the foregoing section, would seem to us to be, two years and more after the dates of the brethren's suspension.

The Grand Master had refused "many requests for special dispensations to confer degrees within less than a month, or on lame and deformed people," and for many other purposes. He denounced the more serious and threatening evil of using "unauthorized books"—a violation of the E. A. O. B.

He favored the requirement of Lodge visitors producing documentary evidence of good standing before admission to Lodge room.

Grand Master Garnett's administration of affairs surely entitled him to the plaudits of his Brethren.

The finances of this Grand Lodge are in good shape. After the Grand Treasurer had paid warrants to the tune of \$22,113.07, he held, Aug. 31, 1906, balance cash \$3,786.08.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant says, in his report:

"More than ordinary promptness has been manifested, this year, by Secretaries—only one Lodge having failed to make return, and fewer than usual were behind in paying dues."

R.: W.: Brother Grant's remarks in the same connection, show him to be eminently qualified for his responsible position.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke presented his report on Foreign Correspondence, which appears in the appendix to these proceedings.

P. G. M. Brther Frank C. Gerard presented Grand Lodge with a "stone Mason's hammer" made of stone from the quarries of Mt. Moriah in which King Solomon's workmen procured stone to build the Temple. The interesting relic was accepted with thanks.

The following resolution was offered, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for a Kentucky Lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes. And all Lodges guilty of violating this edict shall forfeit their charters."

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee on said resolution was to the following effect: the committee was of the opinion that said resolution should be treated as an amendment to the Constitution, and as such, should take the usual course of such amendments, as provided in Article XVII, Section 1. A motion that the report be adopted, and that said resolution as amended be adopted as a regulation of the Grand Lodge until its next Annual Communication, then prevailed. So the Grand Lodge of Kentucky is taking decisive action on the liquor question. In view of the wide-spread and ruinous effects of the liquor traffic, such action is to be heartily applauded.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

A Brother having introduced a resolution providing for biennial, instead of annual sessions, the Jurisprudence Committee, to which it was referred, threw a wet blanket upon the same, as follows: "Let it lie over."

In view of the Grand Master's condemnation of "unauthorized books" in the Lodges, the Committee on Ritual and Work offered a resolution authorizing the incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee to be known as "Committee on Work," whose duty it shall be to consider this matter and try to report to next Grand Lodge a plan to carry out the Grand Master's idea, and give the Lodges a uniform work satisfactory to all. Adopted.

The reports of the Committee on Appeals were adopted. The Committee on Necrology made a brief yet eloquent report which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The committee on the Henry Clay monument made report that it had appealed to the Governor of the State and to both Houses of the Legislature. A bill appropriating \$12,000.00 therefor had passed the Senate, but was held up in the House by the Appropriation Committee to await the result of the revenue bill then pending. On account of delays incident to action on the revenue bill, Legislature adjourned without having received report on the monument bill. The committee held out hope that the matter would fare better in the next Legislature. Report adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master, Wm. W. Clarke, "Reporter on Foreign Affairs," presented his report on Correspondence, covering 131 pages with an excellent synopsis of the proceedings reviewed—a clear-cut and scholarly production.

His report on Alabama—1906 occupies nearly three pages. He says of Grand Master H. H. Matthews' address:

"The whole address of the Grand Master is admirable. We think notices of trials should not, by means of postal cards sent through the mails, 'be paraded before the eyes of profanes.'"

He commends decision No. 6 on eligibility of unauthorized residents for office, declaring them ineligible, as a sound exposition of Masonic law.

He quotes the writer's special report on the "Grand Lodge of Queensland," and says:

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence *in re* the Grand Lodge of Queensland, in our opinion covers the case admirably, except that it doesn't go far enough."

Dear Brother, "If our information" had been "well founded", do not doubt that we should have "gone farther."

Brother Clarke's very complimentary reference to the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence is gratefully appreciated. His surmise that he had misunderstood the writer's

use of the word "policy", we are glad to say, is well founded. Never for a moment have we doubted the "courage"—manliness of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

In the place of some passages in his report which we had marked for reference, we in part, give his well written conclusion, as follows:

"Occasionally, as an echo of a past discussion, we have something of a perpetual Jurisdiction—just a shot now and then to make sure that the thing is dead, but most of the discussion in these reports centers about the non-affiliate and the visitor."

"It really begins to look as though the ancient support of the Order, the unaffiliated Mason, is about to lose, not the privilege of Modern Masonry, but that which at one time would have been termed the inherent, and which, before the wave of commercialism had set in, and the spirit of modernization had shut out the past, was thought to be the inalienable rights of a Freemason."

"One other subject is exciting the latent mental energies of the Masonic legislator. We allude, of course, to the clandestine Mason, a clumsy misnomer invented to designate a certain class of impostors parading in the guise and under the name of Masonry. We certainly object to the radical departure from the ancient customs of the order, advocated in certain quarters as a safe-guard against this species of imposition, and recommend the enactment by the several State legislatures of laws similar to that recently passed by the legislature of New York, which will be found in our review of the Grand Lodge of that State."

The New York law referred to is too long to copy here but it is a corker, calculated to reach all forms of imposition—maximum penalty, 3 years or \$1,000.00 for each offense.

Bro. Samuel K. Veach, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Henry B. Grant, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

95TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Bro. L. C. Allen, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, sending in returns, 172. These with nine Lodges U. D. Chartered at this Communication, give a membership of 10,534—Net gain, 831.

The neat volume before us does R.: W.: Bro. Lambert and the printer great credit.

A quorum of the Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Six Past Grand Masters and Representatives of 47 Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, were reported present.

The Grand Master delivered an address which will bear favorable comparison with any similar documents that have reached our table.

He had granted thirty-three dispensations for various purposes, but, for reasons deemed good and sufficient, had refused twelve.

With all his "rulings and decisions" we fully concur.

Immediately upon receipt of news of the California disaster of April 18, 1906, and consultation with Grand Secretary Lambert, he had telegraphed to Grand Master Motley H. Flint, Grand Lodge of California, directing him to draw on the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for \$5,000.00. Said amount was paid over April 23, 1906, and a beautiful acknowledgment of the same was received from M.: W.: Brother Flint. In addition to the Grand Lodge contribution, Louisiana Lodges and individual Masons gave a large amount. A noble expression of Masonic fraternity.

Seven new Lodges had been established by dispensation.

Of the Louisiana Relief Lodge the Grand Master says:

"It is my privilege this year to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers of this Lodge and to commend them for their zealous discharge of every duty. Only those, who come in contact with the work of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, can understand and appreciate the great work they are doing. I might enumerate hundreds of cases where this Lodge, through its officers, has relieved the distressed, buried the dead, and, in many ways, ministered to the wants of the needy. No need to sing their praises here. In the great beyond, where the records are accurately kept, the officers of the Louisiana Relief Lodge will receive their reward."

Under the head of Masonic Relief, the Grand Master mentioned the fact that at the last Grand Communication the sum of \$2,500.00 had been placed at the disposal of the Grand Mas-

ter for the purpose of relieving worthy, distressed Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans. He had not paid out any of this money until he had received a request from the Master of the Lodge or the Lodge itself to which the applicant belonged, or who was properly in the jurisdiction of said Lodge, together with the approval of the D. D. G. M. This system had worked exceedingly well. He had practically used up said fund. Nevertheless he thought that Grand Lodge should adopt a resolution in reference to the relief fund like the following:

"Article 1.—The fund is applicable to the following cases:
"First—To poor and worthy members of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own Lodges are not adequate to the exigencies of the case."

"Second—To poor and worthy Masons resident in this State not members of any Subordinate Lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty."

"Article 2.—The widows and orphans of destitute Masons are to be relieved, as the husband or parent would have been, upon the principle stated in the preceding article."

In this connection he pertinently said:

"Knowing that there is a special fund set aside for direct relief, sometimes causes us to forget our own individual responsibilities, and we are prone to place the entire burden upon the Grand Lodge fund."

It seems that it is quite common in Louisiana to hold Lodges of Instruction Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Our M.: W.: Brother, while not considering such meetings wrong, nevertheless, in view of the fact that no other Grand Jurisdiction probably, in the United States, favors such practice, and also that the civil law does not sanction Sunday work, he says:

"No Lodges or Lodge instruction should be permitted to meet on Sunday."

He urges his Brethren to consider this subject, not from the standpoint of what is legal, but of what is "kind and brotherly."

The Grand Master made quite a number of official visitations.

Among his recommendations we note one urging that the practice of some Lodges summarily raising candidates (that is, in short form) be prohibited; and that it be made mandatory to confer the entire Second Section of the Master's De-

gree, including the raising, upon each candidate separately; and not more than five candidates at the same meeting. If a Grand Representative fails to attend three consecutive Grand Communications he would remove him. In his conclusion he favors limiting the Grand Master to twelve months' occupancy of the Chair.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash, Dec. 31, 1906, together with additional funds in his keeping amounted to \$4,868.04.

The Grand Secretary makes an excellent, painstaking report. We learn from it that eleven Charters had been issued during the year—that nine Lodges U. D. were applying for Charters—that a number of Special or Emergent Communications had been held, one being for the funeral of R.: W.: Brother Amos Kent, and the other for the purpose of dedicating Lodge Halls throughout the State. Brother Lambert pays high compliment to the "Country Lodges."

The report of the Grand Lodge Hall Directors takes up seven and one-half pages of these proceedings.

According to this report, the present Temple is inadequate to the accommodation of the increasing membership of Grand Lodge, and experts affirm that present quarters cannot be enlarged so as to provide needed floor room. The Directors advised sale of the property and erection of a new Temple. The property is said to be easily worth \$175,000.00, and the rental yield about 7 per cent. of that amount. But the Grand Lodge, at this juncture, refuses to sell, and takes steps for the enlargement of the present quarters.

The Louisiana Relief Lodge had, during the year, disbursed \$1,467.03. We note that in a list of applicants for aid, from twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Alabamians received help to the amount of \$50.00.

No doubt, if the name and number of each Lodge in Alabama from which a petitioner hailed and amount of aid rendered were given, said Lodge, if able would refund the same.

The reports of the two Grand Lecturers attest the great value of their services.

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through its chairman, the Rev. Dr. Herman Cape Duncan, presented a printed report which was, on motion, duly adopted, received and ordered printed in the proceedings. The report embodied the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That Edict 190 * * * be repealed.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

The first resolution, to repeal Edict 190, B. of C. and G. R. which forbade final action on an application for recognition at the same communication at which it was presented, was referred to the law committee, and action on the second, was deferred until the last named committee should report on the first.

Result—both resolutions were adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the "Rulings and Decisions" of the Grand Master. To save the latter needless trouble and correspondence, as well as for more cogent reasons, the committee recommended that Lodge Officers familiarize themselves with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge. Wholesome advice.

The Committee on State of the Order to which was referred the Grand Master's remarks as to "Sunday meetings," while appreciating the sentiment which has prompted the repugnance to such meetings, was nevertheless disposed to leave the matter to the conscientious scruples of the brethren, and offered the following resolution:

"Resolved—That no legislation be had on the subject."

A substitute was offered to prohibit Sunday meetings, except for funerals. Lost by a vote of 205 yeas, 270 nays, the roll of Lodges being called. Then the resolution offered by the committee was adopted.

We do not concur. "Six days shalt thou labor," etc.

The Grand Orator, Charles F. Buck (P. G. M.) delivered an able, impressive address on what he thought might be called the "Internal Essence of the Masonic Degrees." (He will pardon us if we suggest instead, The Essence of the Masonic De

grees.) The orator handled his subject with skill. We quote but one short paragraph of it, as follows:

"The truth about Masonry is, that it is greater and better and more beautiful than the inadequate power of words can convey. This is a trite, common-place way of saying what we cannot say, but the gist of it is, that that which is deepest, profoundest, most comprehensive and most beautiful in human life, dwells in the spirit only. Like some sacred, ineffable mystery it defies expression, and, like the peace of God, it passeth all understanding."

The committee on necrology well discharged its solemn duty.

The Grand Master feelingly and eloquently welcomed the forty Grand Representatives then present, bestowing upon them, with the assistance of Grand Lodge, the private Grand Honors. The response was also eloquent and quite elaborate.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To intimate that the report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. The Rev. Herman Cape Duncan, is fully up to his wonted, high standard, is needless, because all readers of his reports recognize that fact.

He reviews the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Bodies, including Alabama—1905 which he gives nearly two pages of courteous notice.

From Brother Duncan's preliminary remarks we learn that his health is completely restored. He will please accept our hearty congratulation thereat.

Reviewing Alabama, he expresses his non-concurrence in Grand Master Matthews' decision that one who cannot read and write is eligible for initiation. Personally we agree with our Brother of Louisiana as to that matter, though, of course, said decision being approved, we acquiesce.

We also think with Brother Duncan, in the case of a suspended Mason wearing a Masonic pin, that the motive in wearing it (if that motive can be ascertained) should be the hinge upon which a decision as to such conduct being unmasonic, should turn.

Our distinguished contemporary does not quite agree with the decision of Grand Master Matthews in regard to the case of a party who held a certificate of membership from the Grand Lodge of Scotland duly signed and sealed under date of May, 1884, granted to him on request shortly before leaving Scotland for this country; but who had never affiliated with a Lodge or visited one and who, consequently could not stand the test of an examination.

He doubts the wisdom of making Grand Masters ineligible to succeed themselves in office.

Of the writer he says:

"He closes with a word on the ritual and expresses the hope that the cipher will be kept out of symbolic Masonry.

"We believe that it is a matter of some importance that good language, language that will pass the square of the rhetorician and the grammarian, should be compulsory in the work of our Lodges, and, if a cipher is necessary to the obtainment of such language, and our experience leads us to believe that it is, then we are in favor of its use, *if for no other reason*. And here, we may remark, for we may not find a better place to say it, there is just as much Masonic authority for the assertion that King Solomon used a cipher as there is for declaring that he established the Master's word.

"It is well for us to remember, when we talk about "old ways", that Masonry antedates the obligation of an Entered Apprentice as we now receive it. It is also well to remember that there is an older Masonic rule than that which confines the transmission of the 'secrets' of Masonry to an oral communication."

Well, Brother Duncan will, we trust, pardon us for continuing in the unshaken belief, entertained for fifty years, that the cipher should be excluded from the Blue Lodge.

As to that "older Masonic rule than that which confines the transmission of the 'secrets' of Masonry to an oral communication," we must confess that we need enlightenment.

We have marked some passages in Brother Duncan's able report, which must be omitted, owing to the undue length of our review.

Bro. L. E. Thomas, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Richard Lambert, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

88TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1907.

Bro. Chas. F. Johnson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 202—Members, 26,530—Net gain, 641.

Tuesday, May 7th, 1907, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Grand Master Johnson presiding, and 189 of the 202 Chartered Lodges being represented. Ten Past Grand Masters, and thirty other Permanent members were present. We are pleased to see noted our Representative in attendance with forty-four other Grand Representatives.

From the Grand Master's address it is seen that he had issued thirty-nine special dispensations, only three of which were for waiving time in acting on petitions for the degrees—in other words, for violating the organic law.

M.: W.: Bro. Johnson mentions the fact that a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Readfield, Sept. 6, 1906, to dedicate a monument erected by the State to the memory of Ex-Governor Jonathan G. Hunton, who was also a Free-mason.

Under the head of Decisions, he had occasion to consider the subject of residence. He says:

"The question of residence is often a difficult one to decide in law, as well as in the matter of determining jurisdiction of Lodges, but no better test for the solution of the question can be applied than that laid down by that great source of Masonic Jurisprudence, our lamented Brother Drummond, which is, 'The residence intended by our Constitution is the home where the party has the right to vote and is bound to pay taxes,' and then he observes, 'This test will generally settle the question, but no rule can be given by which every case can be decided.'"

There are, surely, exceptions to such a rule. Not to use the nail too much upon a pile of old straw, take an illustration: X has lived in Washington several years, and still lives there. He has never had his name erased from the registration books at his old home, Rome, N. Y., but he with his family reside in Washington, where he holds an office. There he and his family

eat and sleep, and go to church. There his children go to school; there his family and neighbors are the ones who are best acquainted with his habits. Which place is his Masonic residence, Rome or Washington? Perhaps he makes a flying visit to Rome, on a Presidential year, to cast his vote; still he does not live there—he lives in Washington.

He correctly ruled that one who had received the E. A. Degree, could not be tried by a Lodge for an offense alleged to have been committed before he was made a Mason.

Although the Constitution is silent upon the matter, he ruled that, though by unanimous vote of the Lodge a collective ballot on the petitions of seven candidates, was agreed to, nevertheless such ballot should not be taken, but the several petitions be voted on separately.

In closing, the Grand Master expressed high appreciation of the aid rendered by his associates. He particularly passed encomiums upon the most capable and kind Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Bro. Berry.

The Grand Lecturer had held five Lodges of Instruction during the year, and had given more instruction, both in private and in Lodges than in any previous year. He has been a most efficient teacher of the standard work.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance after all disbursements was the sum of \$7,445.49.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, than whom there is no Grand Officer more faithful and efficient, reports that all the Lodge returns, save one, were received in good season, and generally well made. Later the Committee on Returns reported that all the returns had been received. The committee also presented a summary of statistics for five years, including 1907, interesting to the Masons of Maine. The gain for the year is about 2 1-2 per cent. The death rate increased from 17 1-2 last year, to nearly 19 per thousand.

The short report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals, was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported as follows:

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions and so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to standing regulation number fifteen, and the question of masonic trials for alleged offences committed before the accused was made a mason, found on pages 20, 21 and 22 of the published proceedings of 1906, laid over till this year, have carefully considered the questions involved and report that in our opinion the conclusions reached by the Grand Master are in accordance with masonic law, and should stand for the government of this Grand Lodge. But to avoid confusion the committee desire to state as to decision first, relating to the rights of masons made by lodges under dispensation, that prior to the adoption of sections 66 and 111 of the present Constitution of the Grand Lodge, such masons did not have the right of ballot."

The report was accepted and adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution in regard to "Degrees by Courtesy" to read as follows, was prepared by Bro. Herbert Harris:

"Every candidate who shall petition and receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership. A candidate receiving the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, at the request of another lodge, shall be subject to the laws of the latter lodge to the same extent as if he had received the degree therin."

Referred to Committee on Amendment to the Constitution, which will report thereon, doubtless, next year.

From the report of Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, we excerpt the following:

"We have examined the report of the Grand Lecturer, together with the reports of the District Deputies, twenty-five in number, and from those sources are assured, that conditions of harmony and unanimity prevail among the lodges, which have seldom been equaled.

The caption "Grievances and Appeals" seems, at this session, to have been almost an unused tribunal.

"The Grand Lecturer's report, supplemented by the unanimous corroboration of District Deputy Grand Masters, reaffirms the value and importance of the "School" and "Convention" systems.

"The zeal and fidelity, which the Deputies have manifested in the discharge of their important, and often arduous duties,

are commendable.

"If any of them have, under misapprehension of their powers, granted a dispensation for a lodge 'to form a public procession without permission from the Grand Master,' we would call their attention to amendment of Section 127, made 1899, page 245. If there is anything which your committee would add in admonition to lodges, it would be, *collect your just dues. 'Collect,' 'remit' or 'suspend.'*"

"We congratulate the Grand Master on the results of his administrative labors, and the credit of Maine for its prosperity. With promises so encouraging the current masonic year yet offers opportunities for greater achievements and the continued advancement of Masonic Brotherhood."

The reports of the District Deputies supply 61 pages of interesting matter. It is learned, from Abstract of Proceedings of Trustees of the Charity Fund, that the total invested fund amounts to \$47,670.30, with income of \$2,084.30; that the receipts in the Cash Account were \$5,512.87, and the disbursements, \$1,645.81, leaving a balance of \$3,867.06.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Past Grand Master, Albro E. Chase, in which he reviews 73 Grand Bodies within the compass of 148 pages, is the best part of this volume. His report consists largely of judicious extracts. We could wish that he would favor us more fully with his opinion on current topics. There is quiet dignity and evidence of reserve force, in Brother Chase's utterances, patent to the reader.

Alabama—1906 receives somewhat more than three pages of courteous, brotherly notice.

He rejoices with the Acting Grand Master Ben. M. Jacobs in the great progress of Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Ala., but heartily approves Brother Jacobs' words of caution about guarding well the outer door. Also quotes more than once from his address. The decisions that agree in principle with the Maine law, he does not quote, but notes two rulings which differ from practice in Maine—the same relating to jurisdiction over residents of the State—making Masons of profane living in other States, and says:

"Maine allows Lodges to waive Jurisdiction, and to work waived material of another Grand Jurisdiction, but does not allow the conferring of degrees *by courtesy*."

He notices that part of the address which so justly complements Grand Secretary Beauchamp.

He doubts the wisdom of limiting the Grand Master's occupancy of the Grand East, by law, to a single year.

Our accomplished Brother has our thanks for his kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

He quotes us correctly as to the shutting out of non-affiliates, but how that sentence made its way into our remark, passes our understanding. We must have been suffering from a confusion of ideas at the time. We have always been of the opinion that visits of non-affiliates should depend upon the willingness of the Lodge to let them in.

We stick to our view regarding the General (or Particular) Auditor of a Brewery.

Bro. Chas. E. Johnson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Stephen Berry, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

32D ANNUAL—WINNIPEG—JUNE, 1907.

Chartered Lodges, 60—One Lodge U. D.—Members, 3,871—Net decrease, 539. (But for formation of Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan there would have been a net increase—898 members went to the new Grand Lodge.)

Bro. John McKechnie, M.: W.: Grand Master.

July 23, 1906, a Special Communication had been held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a church.

Grand Master McKechnie being in the Oriental Chair, and 51 Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form. Nine Past Grand Masters and 26 other P. G. O.'s were reported present, as also was our Representative, R.: W.: Bro. Joseph S. Armitage with those of 29 other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master's address was short (4 pp.) but it plainly

acquainted the Brethren with the light labors of his administration.

He recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

He had laid one corner-stone, and had granted a number of dispensations, deeming the same to be for the good of Masonry.

His official visits had been few, owing to the "severe winter and uncertainty of railway service."

The several reports of the District Deputies made a very good showing for the Lodges visited.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was \$2,322.62.

The Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund supplied a balance of \$448.18. Investment Account, balance \$11,850.00. The balance on hand, Benevolent Account was \$31.01.

In his painstaking report the Grand Secretary was pleased to state that the half-yearly returns of the Lodges had come in with a fair degree of promptness. His Balance Sheet, March 31, 1907, gives total assets as \$21,558.09.

The Librarian acknowledges receipt of Reprint of the Proceedings of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Alabama, from its organization in 1821 to 1830.

On recommendation of the Board of General Purposes two Lodges in the far distant Yukon Territory were granted permission to change their obedience from Manitoba to British Columbia.

On favorable report by the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, Charters were granted to four Lodges U. D., and the dispensation of one other Lodge was continued.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported on a case in which a member of a Lodge had been recommended for expulsion by Grand Lodge for immoral and unmasonic conduct. There was no appeal by the defendant. It appears that the committee recommended that the action of the Lodge be affirmed, and Grand Lodge sustained it. We note this case simply because procedure is somewhat different from ours. With us the action of the Subordinate Lodge is final unless the case is appealed to Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals was greatly satisfied that it had nothing to do. Good cause for satisfaction.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry found abundant occasion for rejoicing in the various reports of the District Deputies.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Puerto Rico, and Valle de Mexico, but consideration of the case of Queensland was deferred until next meeting of Grand Lodge. Very properly so, in the writer's opinion.

From the report on Benevolence we learn that \$1,100.00 loaned by the Investment Committee, was allotted to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

The Grand Representatives present were duly received and welcomed, and fraternal greeting exchanged.

The customary testimonial was voted for to be presented to the retiring Grand Master.

Next Annual will be held at Winnipeg.

We beg to compliment R.: W.: Bro. Ovas upon the excellence of this volume, both in arrangement and typographical execution.

Bro. James Scroggie, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. M.: W.: James A. Ovas, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

120TH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1906.

Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, M.: W.: Grand Master.

This elegantly executed volume of proceedings is always a welcome visitant at our table.

Number of Lodges, 110—32 City, 78 County—Master Masons, as per returns, 11,580—Net gain, 523.

In point of numerical membership, Concordia (13) is the banner Lodge of the State—399 members.

At the close of his financial report, Grand Secretary Wm. M. Isaac makes the very gratifying statement which follows, viz.:

"At the close of the month, not an organized body of Masons in Maryland—Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Grand Body, Veteran Association or Scottish Rite, was indebted to the Grand Lodge of Maryland A. F. & A. M. to the amount of one cent."

Two Special Communications were held for the purpose of constituting as many new Lodges.

The 239th Semi-Annual Communication was held, May 8, 1906, in the city of Baltimore. At this meeting the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer made detailed reports of receipts and disbursements. "The M.: W.: Grand Master delivered an address," (Said address was, no doubt, "off hand"—not committed to writing—and hence the statement quoted) the Committee on By-Laws made a short report; the Committee on Grievances had an empty docket; the Board of Grand Inspectors reported having made fifty-two visitations, and having found Lodges, generally, in very satisfactory condition; the Committee on Accounts reported the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's reports correct and supported by proper vouchers. Accepted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, a Charter was granted to one Lodge U. D.

The last business at the Semi-Annual was consideration of the Revised Constitution and Standing Resolutions, as reported by the committee appointed therefor.

The instrument was read section by section, amended in a few instances, and with the Standing Resolutions, adopted unanimously. The hasty reading we have given these laws impresses us with the belief that they are all right.

At the Annual Communication, November 20, 1906, the Grand Secretary made his financial statement, in detail footing up a total of receipts in the sum of \$25,667.06—all paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The latter officer's books agree with the Grand Secretary's account. The balance cash on hand amounted to \$2,921.32.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had come before it for consideration.

The Lodge of Relief had done good work during the term.

Forty-five cases had been assisted and relieved. The disbursements of the Lodge had been \$645.61. Balance on hand was \$540.50.

Grand Lodge continued the Annual appropriation of \$50.00 for membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. It is estimated, we believe, that the benefits, thence accruing to Lodges and individual Masons, very far exceed the cost of such membership.

On recommendation in a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition of the "Grand Lodge of Queensland" was declined, "but," said the committee, "we indulge the hope that, before another year shall have passed, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland may see their way clear to receiving this new Grand Lodge into full Masonic Fellowship." On favorable report by the same committee fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and the Grand Master of Masons of Maryland was requested to arrange an exchange of Grand Representatives with said Grand Lodge.

On a favorable report—its second—by the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, a Charter was granted to another Lodge U. D., while the dispensation of yet another, was continued at its own request.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted its annual review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges. "Accepted, and the usual appropriations ordered."

The Board of Grand Inspectors for the City of Baltimore reported all the Lodges in good condition financially, with a decreasing number of delinquents, and working harmoniously.

In vain have we searched this volume for a statement of the amount contributed, by the Grand Lodge and the other Masonic bodies of Maryland, to our California Brethren suffering from the awful calamity of April 18, 1906.

M.: W.: Grand Master Motley H. Flint of the Grand Lodge of California, in his "Relief Report" of donations from all over the world, credited Maryland Grand Lodge and Brethren, with

contribution of \$12,520.00 to help their suffering Brethren in San Francisco and other points in the range of that fearful visitation. It affords us real pleasure to be able to testify to the noble generosity of our Maryland Brethren.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Pleasant indeed is it to note that Brother Schultz still continues to dictate the reports on Foreign Correspondence. His mind is a treasure-house of Masonic knowledge and wisdom, the loss of which would be universally deplored. Although, on a very few topics, we find ourselves in disagreement with him, still in most matters it is an encouragement to us to find that our own opinion agrees with his.

Under Utah we find the following:

"Grand Secretary Christopher Diehl presented his thirtieth Report on Correspondence (119 pp.) in which, with his accustomed vigor, he reviews the proceedings of fifty-six American Grand Lodges.

"Under Alabama we find the following:

"Bro. Titcomb entertains the view that a Grand Lodge may restore an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry, but that 'it cannot restore him to membership in the Lodge which expelled him without the unanimous consent of all the brethren present at a regular meeting.' That view was taught us in our Masonic school days, it is Utah law, and a good one it is. Peace in the family comes first.'

"Very right you are, Brothers Diehl and Titcomb, and that was the way we too were taught in our Masonic school days. "Bro. Diehl also utters sound Masonic law under Indian Territory as follows: 'No brother can be punished without a regular trial, is a law as old as Masonry itself.'

"Referring to the florid language used sometimes by our Masonic orators, Bro. Diehl is reminded of an oration he heard once at a banquet table in Utah.

"The orator, after telling the Brethren what Masonry had done since Adam's time and would do till the sun would grow dim, said that every great American general, statesman and poet, whose names he had on the point of his tongue, had been Masons; crossing the Atlantic, all prominent Englishmen had taken the Masonic O. B.; and landing in the Fatherland he knew it all. I stood Schiller, Humbolt, Kant and other famed names, but Dr. Martin Luther was my limit. A horrible sick headache was my excuse for retiring during the oration. I

laughed all the way going home and even laughed in my dreams."

Under West Virginia appears the following:

"The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, like some of her sister Grand Lodges, has adopted the one-ballot system; that is, an applicant for admission into the fraternity receiving one favorable ballot, can only be stopped from receiving the remaining degrees by the preferment of charges, trial and conviction by a two-thirds vote.

"Strange to say, however, a secret ballot is held upon the application for advancement of a brother. This is held to be on proficiency in the preceding degrees alone. The Grand Master in 1903 went so far as to say, that any brother who black-balled an applicant for any other cause than lack of proficiency, was guilty of a Masonic offense.

"The Grand Master of the following year characterized the holding of a secret ballot under such circumstances to be a farce. Upon his suggestion, the subject was referred to a committee, which at the present session submitted the following Regulation:

"In all cases of advancement from one degree to another, it shall be necessary for the brother wishing to be advanced to undergo an examination in open lodge touching his proficiency in the degree from which he wishes to be advanced, after which a ballot shall be taken on his proficiency, and if two-thirds of those present vote in the affirmative, he shall be declared duly elected to receive the degree."

"It will be observed that the declaration that the ballot is on proficiency alone is reaffirmed. The only modification being that a two-thirds, instead of a unanimous vote, as heretofore, will pass the applicant. An applicant who passes this ordeal cannot be estopped from receiving the other degrees except by the preferment of charges, etc. No matter if the objections to him can only be disclosed at the expense of a violated confidence, or no matter if the applicant's best friends may desire to check his progress for a time in the hope that some irregularities in his life may be corrected. But neither of these considerations will avail. Nothing will do but for the objectors to come out in the open and then be sustained by more than one-third of the members present.

But when it comes to the question of proficiency, ah! that is the much more *important* matter. The brethren are not asked to come out in the open, but are prohibited from so doing it is a question of such *delicacy* that it can only be determined by a secret ballot.

"Brother George W. Atkinson presented his twentieth and, as we have noticed, last Report on Correspondence. Facing the title page of the report is a fine picture of 'Judge Atkinson, P. G. M.,' in his judicial robe as a Federal Judge.

"The report is quite voluminous, occupying 311 pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of 66 Grand Lodges.

"Bro. Atkinson says that while not a perfectionist he thinks the Grand Lodge of Alabama did wisely in rejecting a proposed amendment to their Constitution by which applicants for initiation having artificial limbs could be admitted into the fraternity."

Under Canada, we fail to see that Bro. Robertson has answered Bro. Schultz's contention in respect of the term "called off."

Alabama—1905 is given two full pages of kindly comment. His several, commendatory quotations from the writer's last report, do the writer great honor by receiving Bro. Schultz's endorsement. But we trust that his characterization of our report as "admirable," will not cause us to swell like the frog until we "bust."

Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. William M. Isaac, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

173D ANNIVERSARY—BOSTON—DECEMBER, 1906.

Four elegantly printed pamphlets now before us, contain the records of the March, June, September and December Quar- terlies, four Special Communications, and the Stated Commu- nication, Dec. 27, 1906.

A rather hasty perusal of the records of the Quarterlies and Specials, discloses nothing of special interest to outsiders; we note, however, that, at the September Quarterly, on motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, a committee was appointed to investigate the use of the term "Communication." The Grand Secretary stated that his recent investigation of the use of that term as applied to Grand Lodges, had led to the conclusion that the term should be used only to describe the quarterly meetings of the Grand Lodge, the term probably having originated from the fact that, the time of those meetings being definitely fixed, the representatives of Lodges could then come together and communicate their minds, and plans for the benefit of the Fraternity, etc.

It has often come into the writer's head to put the Guild on notice that he would abbreviate that long word which has to be written thousands of times—"Com.," for instance.

In the pamphlet which contains the records of the June Quarterly, and those of a Special Communication we find something which, by special request, was printed with these proceedings. On June 19, 1906, the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter was in session in the City of Boston. On the 20th an informal assemblage of distinguished Masons from all over the United States was held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, to hear an address on "Early History of Masonry in America," by Past Grand Master and R.: W.: Recording Grand Secretary Sereno D. Nickerson. We have read this address with great interest, because there is, doubtless, no living man better posted in the early history of American Masonry than Brother Nickerson.

It is quite unimportant to know whether or not Masonry first appeared in Massachusetts or Pennsylvania; nevertheless, Brother Nickerson seems to have made a strong case in favor of his State's claim.

At the conclusion of the address, Brother Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, moved "that the grateful thanks of the assembly be extended to Worshipful Brother Nickerson for his exceedingly interesting and instructive address." The motion was put by Brother Kuhn, P. G. M. of Missouri, and carried by unanimous, rising vote.

In the records of the December Quarterly it is seen that the total amount contributed, by the Fraternity in Massachusetts, to the earthquake-and-fire sufferers in California, was the handsome sum of \$9,619.50.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows total receipts for the year, together with balance of \$2,692.12 on hand, to have been \$90,253.75—total payments, for same period, \$88,503.38, leaving as balance, Dec. 12, 1906, \$1,750.37.

Amount of Masonic Education and Charity Trust Fund, Dec. 12, 1906, \$314,309.45—a net increase, for the year, of \$64,667.12.

The Grand Master highly compliments the Board of Direc-

tors and the Trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust upon their faithful and efficient management of financial matters.

As, *ex-officio* President of both Boards, the Grand Master presents some significant figures.

The total insurance on Grand Lodge property was, \$493,700.00—the assessed value of the Temple, \$1,200,000.00—the total indebtedness of the Temple, \$315,000.00. Number of the Lodges, 240. Number of affiliated members, 50,328—Net increase for the year, 1,913.

At the election of Grand Officers, it was thought to be unprecedented in the history of the Grand Lodge, that without any exception said election was unanimous.

At the Stated Communication, Dec. 27, 1906, installation of the Grand Officers took place. Then the various appointments were announced and all business disposed of.

The Recording Grand Secretary reported issuance of 3,347 Master Mason diplomas, and 145 Past Master diplomas.

Now came the crowning feature of the annual gathering—the "Feast of St. John the Evangelist." The "Grand Feast" lasted from 5:45 p. m. to 10:15 p. m. and was "chuck full" of interest from start to finish.

To reproduce some of the gems of wit and eloquence and lofty sentiment presented on that occasion would be a pleasure, but it is utterly impracticable to do so. The several addresses must be read, to be appreciated.

Bro. John Albert Blake, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

63D ANNUAL—BAY CITY—MAY, 1907.

Active Lodges, 405—Members, 56,010—Net gain, 2,215—Raised, during 1906, 3,336.

Bro. Charles E. Sweet (D. G. M.) Acting Grand Master.

This handsome volume opens with a portrait of M.: W.. Brother Sweet and with grouped medallion portraits of the

other Grand Officers, while in the memorial pages are the portraits of four deceased Grand Officers—three Past Grand Masters, and one Senior Grand Warden.

On May 20th, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Acting Grand Master Chas. E. Sweet presiding. After the opening, the Grand Secretary read a letter, replete with fraternal love and wise suggestions sent by Past Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy.

A fitting reply was ordered sent to the Illustrious Brother.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present (all but three of the living P. G. M.'s), and thirty-nine Grand Representatives, not including Alabama's Bro. James Rowson.

The Acting Grand Master's tribute to the late Senior Grand Warden, Erastus Stone, and to his lamented predecessor, Grand Master Charles S. Stevens was worthy of those two noble specimens of Masonic manhood and devotion, and, as well, reflected honor upon himself.

His administration seems to have been a very busy one. If we have counted correctly, he and the late Grand Master C. S. Stevens had granted 98 special dispensations—51 issued by Grand Master Stevens, were for holding annual election at other than statutory time which co-incided with Christmas Eve or Christmas Day—19, were for balloting and acting on petitions in less than the time required by law. The rest for various purposes needless to mention. Four new Lodges had been constituted and dedicated. Eleven Masonic Halls and Temples had been dedicated. Four corner-stones laid, and three new Lodges formed.

Some twenty decisions, rendered by Grand Master Stevens, are reported. Almost all of them seem to be good Masonic law. But there seems to be a lack of harmony between two of these rulings: In the first, the Grand Master gave it as his opinion that a man whose left leg had been withered since he was twelve years old, and was a trifle shorter than the other; who could assume the positions and steps as are required, but limps when walking and used a cane for convenience; the shortage or limping not disqualifying him from doing manual labor, was physically disqualified for Masonry.

In the other decision referred to, the ruling was as follows:

"A candidate for Masonry, where index finger of right hand is off between first and second joints, second finger of same hand off below second joint, third finger of same hand off between first and second joint, is not disqualified."

If, under the rule of physical perfection, the first party mentioned, is disqualified, the second party should also be disqualified.

We note one or two of Acting Grand Master Sweet's six rulings. He was asked if it was lawful for a Lodge, which passed a resolution presenting one of its members as a candidate for a Grand Lodge office, to send a copy of such resolution to any other or all the Lodges in the State. He very properly, we think, answered, "No."

Would that political methods could be stamped out both in Grand Lodge and in the Subordinate Lodge. Rules against canvassing for office in the Masonic Fraternity cannot be too rigid. But—the difficulty is, to enforce them. "Sam Slick" was not the only slick person in the world.

In the writer's opinion the following decision is eminently correct:

"*Question*—Where a lodge has for years acted upon the verbal ruling of a Grand Master that the Masonic jurisdiction does not necessarily follow the voting residence of a candidate, but that in case of a continued residence of the candidate in the place where he is employed, the lodge there has jurisdiction over him and proceeds to receive and make Masons of such material, can it hold such Masons as members?

"*Answer*—Yes, the lodge having acted honestly upon the verbal ruling of a Grand Master cannot be deprived of its members.

"While it has been the rule to hold that a man's residence, for Masonic purposes, is the same as his voting residence, I am of the opinion that, in many cases this works an injustice not only to the man but to Masonry. I therefore decide that where a man makes his permanent residence in a city or village where he is employed, lives there with his family, educates his children and only exercises the right of franchise in his former home, because the constitution of the state allows him to do so and the exigencies of his party politics make it necessary that he should retain his voting residence there, in order to hold his position under the state or federal administration, his Masonic residence is in the place where he lives, earns his money, keeps his family and educates his children."

Acting Grand Master Sweet records thirty official visits to the credit of his lamented predecessor.

The Fraternal Dead were duly remembered.

Two recommendations conclude the address. The importance of the first, in our opinion, greatly outweighs that of the second. The import of the first was, to employ a competent Grand Lecturer who should give the whole of his time to the work of instructing the Lodges, and to receive sufficient compensation therefor.—40 weeks to visits and the balance of the year to offic. work. The second was to provide Past Grand Masters' aprons for all the living P. G. M.'s. Thus, it appears, would be spared the "mortification" of seeing those high personages attending Masonic funerals in the plain white aprons of Master Masons.

To our thinking, 'twere better that the mind should be directed to the contemplation of our mortality rather than to display of adornments appropriate to high position in the Craft. Humility should hold sway on such occasions.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand at date of report \$19,963.98. His report shows the amount contributed to the California fire and earthquake sufferers to have been \$6,059.48.

Grand Secretary Lou. B. Winsor (P. G. M.) presented a fine report which shows that an immense amount of work had been done in his office during the year. After untiring effort he had succeeded in securing all the returns—all corrected. He stated the total receipts from all sources for the year as \$32,400.84. He noted with regret the death of Past Master William K. Wheeler in his 92d year. On the other hand he mentioned with pleasure the presence in Grand Lodge of Senior Past Grand Master William T. Mitchell, who on the day before the Grand Secretary's report was made, celebrated his ninetieth birth day.

We find recorded in this volume the proceedings of the Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home. Gleaning therefrom, that, at the June Semi-Annual meeting of the Board, the Treasurer reported total receipts \$10,109.05. After disbursements for five months, there remained on hand \$7.

032.06 and in addition, special funds amounting to \$2,175.54,—that the number of beneficiaries of the Home, March 31, 1907, was 51—39 men, 12 women—the average age of the men being 73 years; of the women 75 years, and also noting that the total cost of maintenance for 16 months was \$14,183.60, we observe that the Institution the Board controls is, though limited in capacity of accommodation, in a prosperous condition.

Several amendments of Grand Lodge By-Laws were proposed, and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The addresses of U. S. Senator Wm. Alden Smith, at the laying of the corner-stone at Bay City, and that of Past Grand Master and Grand Lecturer, Frank T. Lodge, at Wenne Beach were instructive and replete with helpful suggestions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was accepted and adopted, approved all of Grand Master Stevens' decisions save two—9 and 18. The committee disapproved, as we are pleased to see, No. 9 which ruled that a man, whose left leg was withered and had been since he was 12 years of age, and was slightly shorter than the other, but who could comply with all the requirements of the ceremonial, was disqualified for the degrees.

No. 18 was as follows:

"If a candidate has received two degrees in a Lodge in a foreign Grand Jurisdiction, and after receiving those degrees moves to Michigan, but has not resided in this state five years he may apply to a Michigan Lodge to receive the third degree and become a member of the Lodge conferring the degree, and that the Michigan Lodge receiving the application should then request the Lodge which conferred the former degrees, to release jurisdiction of the candidate."

The committee was of the opinion that the latter part of this decision did not conform to Masonic law. "The proper procedure would be for the candidate to apply to the Lodge in which he had received the former degrees, for advancement, and have that Lodge request the Michigan Lodge to confer the third degree upon him, and thereafter follow the requirements of Sec. 6, Art. 15, Grand Lodge Regulations." We heartily concur with the committee as to both decisions.

The committee approved all of Acting Grand Master Sweet's decisions as being in accordance with Masonic law.

As to certain proposed amendments to the By-Laws, on recommendation of the committee, the compensation of the Grand Master, which has been \$750.00 together with additional compensation as provided by Section 20 of the By-Laws or the allowance of the Grand Master was put at \$1,200.00 this to cover all expenses; and the amendment proposing to raise the Grand Lecturer's salary to \$1,200.00 was not adopted. So the Grand Lecturer gets his \$700.00 per annum besides mileage and \$3.00 per diem when at work.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Further time was given for investigation of the claims of the Grand Lodge of Greece and the Grand Orient of Paraguay. The application of the Grand Ledge Suisse Alpina was courteously declined. The committee recommended that a communication from the Grand Orient of Italy, relative to celebration of the first centenary of the birth of Joseph Garibaldi, be referred to a special committee. On motion the recommendation was amended by instructing said special committee to consider and report whether it be desirable to enter into fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Michigan is not now affiliated.

A communication from the Michigan Representative near the Grand Orient of Belgium was read by the Grand Secretary, and on motion ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

A touching report from the Committee on Obituary, and eloquent memorial addresses appear on the lives of departed Brethren have place in these records.

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges, Charters were granted to seven Lodges U. D.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In addition to his onerous duties as Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master, Lou. B. Winsor has again prepared a very able but very concise report on Correspondence. Alabama—

1906 receives courteous attention. Thanks for personal mention.

Bro. Charles F. Sweet, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Lou. B. Winsor, (P. G. M.), R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

54TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—JANUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 245.—Members, 21, 126—Net gain, 865.

Bro. Thomas Morris, M.: W.: Grand Master.

With one exception, all the Grand Officers were present when, Jan. 23d, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by Grand Master Morris (whose portrait, evincing a positive character, graces the first page of these proceedings). Ten Past Grand Masters manifested their interest in Masonry by attending this Communication. Also the Representatives of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions, M.: W.: Alonzo Brandenburg representing Alabama, as we note with pleasure.

From the Grand Master's address it is learned that six new Lodges had been constituted—two Lodges instituted—twenty-four special dispensations granted, twelve of which were to permit the conferring of degrees on more than five candidates at the same Communication—two requests for reasons deemed good and sufficient—four corner-stones laid—one Lodge Hall dedicated and seven decisions reported, all of which we undertake to affirm are good Masonic law.

The Grand Master paid feeling tribute to the lately deceased Past Grand Master Charles Griswold.

The entire address merited and, no doubt, engaged the close attention of the Grand Body.

The financial affairs of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota are in excellent condition. Witness the Grand Treasurer's recapitulation:

"GENERAL FUND."

Cash on hand Jan. 23, 1907-----	\$12,805.66
Certificate of deposit, Minn. L. & T. Co.-----	<u>2,000.00</u>

\$14,805.66

"WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND."

Cash on hand Jan. 23, 1907-----	\$ 2,707.46
Fourteen bonds at par value -----	44,000.00

Grand total on hand both Funds-----\$61,513.12

From Grand Secretary Thos. Montgomery's first class report it is learned that the Masons of Minnesota contributed to the sufferers from the earthquake and fire at and near San Francisco, April 18, 1906, the sum of \$4,461.00. With a crack of the whip, he touches up delinquent Lodges in the following:

"Of the Lodges 'over 50 were behind time, most of them without any excuse. If the law were enforced, denying mileage and per diem to the representatives of these delinquent Lodges, over \$600.00 would be saved to our treasury this year alone. I will not name these Lodges at this time unless called upon to do so, but they are on record."

The Grand Orator delivered a short address which might be characterized as a brief homily on Masonic duty. The author lays, with justice, much stress on the importance of the social feature of Masonry. We agree with him in the main, although we would not advise devotion of two-thirds of the time to social amenities.

The Picrow monument was designed with excellent taste.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

On favorable report of Committee on Lodges U. D., a Charter was granted to one such Lodge.

"The work of the third degree was exemplified on the evening of the 23rd by officers of Star in the West No. 60, of Sank Centre, in a very creditable manner, the Lodge hall and galleries being crowded with interested spectators."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, and Grand Lodge concurred in the committee's approval thereof. The committee also recommended that any Lodge be authorized to issue Life Membership Certificates to such members as shall have paid dues in said Lodge for at least twenty-five consecutive years. Adopted unanimously as was the entire report of the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the brain and pen of Brother Irving Todd, Chairman of the Committee. The lily needs no paint; equally, the work of Brother Todd needs no laudation at our hands. He gives Alabama, 1905, two pages of courteous, brotherly treatment, summarizing our proceedings in such manner as to arouse the writer's envy. Said writer is greatly honored by Brother Todd's several extracts from the Alabama Report, as well as by his commendation of the Alabama scribe's work.

Under British Columbia, noting Brother DeWolf Smith's impression that the United Grand Lodge of England had under its Jurisdiction more Masons than any other Grand Lodge in the world, Brother Todd pertinently says:

"We would again remind our brother that the estimate of membership in the Grand Lodge of England is not our own, but that of their grand registrar. In the absence of statistics, and with the system of dual membership prevailing in the large towns, no one can make an accurate guess. Bro. De Wolf-Smith says there are now two thousand, five hundred, and fifty-eight lodges on the roll which at their (not our) estimate of fifty to a lodge would give one hundred and twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred members. This is believed rather high. The number of active, working lodges is not known, nor the number of duplicate names in the arbitrary allotment of fifty to each. The Grand Lodge of New York has an actual, bona fide membership of one hundred and thirty-nine thousand, two hundred, and three, and we are still of the opinion that it is the largest in the world.

Bro. DeWolf-Smith holds that the District of Columbia is the only jurisdiction recognizing the chapter degree of past master as a qualification for installation. It occurs to us that there are others. At any rate, there are several in which virtual past masters are permitted to be present when the so-called degree is conferred upon a master elect.

Under Connecticut we note that in Minnesota, in the absence of all three of the principal officers, a Past Master present may open and preside over the Lodge. In Alabama, the Lodge cannot be opened in the absence of the Master and Wardens.

As a specimen of Brother Todd's excellence as a summarizer, we present the following under Oregon:

Bro. Hodson is of the opinion that English masonry is largely club life; that if California would add one-half of the expense of maintenance to the interest on the cost of their homes it would maintain in comparative luxury a far greater number than they are able to care for; that a non-affiliate be deprived of every right except that of restoration; that there is probably a character kink in at least ninety-nine per cent of the modern victims of clandestine masonry; that the carelessness of brethren in attending masonic funerals is often to our shame; that the District of Columbia decision on the past master's degree is all fudge; that a mason has no right to discuss a ballot, no matter what the result; that there is no real benefit from the grand representative system, but it does no harm, and is a convenient place to store sticks; that masonic services at a cremation are as appropriate as when the body is buried in the ground; that a man with one good eye is eligible; that while it is not policy for lodges to work on Sunday, it would be no more unmasonic than attendance upon camp meeting; that the real omnific word has never been lost, because never possessed; that the fellows who have faith in the prerogative are the ones who do things; that eastern lodges probably have their dues too low to be able to do the right thing in the way of relief; that this running off after gorgeous uniforms and stage effects in masonic work is exceedingly disgusting, demonstrating the fact that there were not enough black balls used when a lot of the thoughtless, light brained gentry applied for initiation; that a grand lodge should be open upon the first degree at the laying of a corner stone; that a past master cannot open a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens, but we personally did that very same thing only three evenings ago; that Palestine is worth nothing as a hostage, and would be costly as a gift; that in no case where a masonic home, once established, has it been allowed to be abandoned; that when a grand lodge withdraws recognition from another it severs all courtesies between lodges and members; that American grand lodges would do the right thing by recognizing Queensland, and let Grand Lodge of Scotland do the kicking; that the members of the ancient craft should be protected from the spurious high rites, that would otherwise flood the country; that a lodge in such excellent financial condition that no dues were charged or needed might justly be permitted to exact an affiliation fee; that a profane with any physical trouble should move to Missouri; that the foreign correspondence report of North Dakota is the most costly in proportion to real value of any published in the world; that a fine for delay in sending in annual returns cannot be considered masonic; that perpetual jurisdiction is eternal punishment for finite causes; that the best use of an official cipher would be to have only one copy made and deposited in a safe not fire proof, and then have an accident happen to it; that grand masters should be permitted to correct manifest errors; and that documentary evidence alone is not sufficient voucher."

The Masonic Veteran's Association held its fifteenth annual reunion on Jan. 22nd and 23rd. Much interest is manifested by the old-timers, in this yearly gathering, and, doubtless, both pleasure and profit are derived therefrom. The several addresses delivered before the Association were interesting.

Bro. Gustaf Widell, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Thos. Montgomery, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

89TH ANNUAL—NATCHEZ—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 317—Membership, 14,371—Net loss, 40.

Bro. Charles M. Blum, M.: W.: Grand Master.

The first object that engages our attention on opening this volume, is a portrait of the Grand Master elect, Bro. Henry Clay Yawn. The face is an augury of good administration of Grand Lodge Officers. There are several other portraits including that of the veteran reviewer, Bro. Phineus M. Savery, now deceased. Past Grand Master Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary, will permit us to congratulate him upon the excellent execution of these "Proceedings."

We are pleased to see our Representative, P. G. M. M.: W.: Frank Burkitt's name in the list of Grand Representatives present at the annual Grand Communication, which opened on Tuesday, February 19th. At said Communication all the Grand Officers save the Grand Chaplain, were in their places while seven Past Grand Masters honored the Grand Lodge—and themselves, by their presence.

The Grand Master's address (35 pp.) is a well prepared document, of which we can only take cursory notice. After an excellent exordium which proclaims him one of "God's Chosen People," he made feeling announcement of the final departure of Past Grand Masters—Irwin Miller, Bradley T. Kimbrough, Phineas Messenger Savery, also the death of D. D. G. M., Samuel R. Lamb. The deaths in Sister Jurisdictions, of which he had been officially notified, were reported.

The address manifests the warm interest taken, by the

Grand Master, in the establishment of a Masonic Home. The Masonic Home Endowment Fund which has been accumulating for more than 25 years, cannot be touched for building purposes; hence it is necessary to raise some \$25,000.00 for the construction of the Home building. The Grand Master had sent to all the Lodges a strong appeal in behalf of the fund to be raised. 174 Lodges had responded to that appeal with contributions of \$5,029.77 cash, and pledges of \$8,133.53 in future payments; but 144 Lodges made no response. He trusted that his successor would insist on hearing from those Lodges which have "made no returns." "If they cannot or will not contribute anything, let their returns show it, and be recorded, so that if we have any drones in the bee-hive we may know them."

In the matter of securing a site for the proposed Home, the "Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Home," being authorized to act, had accepted the offer of the citizens of Meridian tendering ten acres of land in the corporate limits of that city, and a cash donation of \$5,000.00 to be paid when the buildings are commenced.

We congratulate our Brethren of Mississippi on their successful beginning of this benevolent undertaking.

The Grand Master had, in person, laid five corner stones, and two others, by proxy.

He conveys the information that Mississippi's Masonic contribution to our distressed California Brethren after the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906, was the sum of \$4,102.16, (about \$300.00 more than our contribution). Good for Mississippi!

He had issued dispensations for formation of fourteen new Lodges.—Six Lodges had been constituted and dedicated, and their officers installed. Under Masonic principles, "Justice is tempered with mercy" ever, all the same, for cause, three charters had been arrested.

Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama have adopted resolutions of reciprocity respecting the receipt of petitions from across

the border when the petitioner lives nearer a Lodge in the contiguous State than to one in his own State (we speak from memory); but Grand Master Blum says the idea that candidates living nearer to a Lodge in Louisiana than to one in Mississippi may petition to the Louisiana Lodge, "is an error and the reverse of the proposition is also true." So as to that matter Mississippi stands aloof.

The Grand Master had granted eighteen special dispensations, for reasons deemed good and sufficient, and for like reasons had refused twenty-four dispensations.

His few decisions reported are excellent in spirit, and appear conformable to Masonic law.

He regretted his inability to make more than a very few official visitations.

In concluding he warmly expressed his acknowledgment of the invaluable assistance given him by the accomplished Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Frederic Speed, whom he states a "Walking Encyclopaedia."

The foregoing is, by no means claimed to be anything like a summary of the Grand Master's address, but merely a glance at the same. Had we fully gone into particulars, we should have spun out the thread thereof to an undue length.

The Deputy Grand Master's Report was very short, but to the point.

A cursory examination of the reports of the District Deputies reveals the fact that for the far greater part, conditions were good. The report from the 17th District supplied details more fully than the others. Three out of the thirty District Deputies reported collections for the Widows' and Orphans Home.

Grand Secretary, Frederic Speed (P. G. M.) submitted a first-class report of about 40 pages which, if the Brethren study it, will thoroughly inform them on all the affairs of Grand Lodge. We note with pleasure his statement of subscription for the Power Monument. The erection of a shaft in memory of the late Grand Secretary is praiseworthy, all the same, the results of Brother Power's noble, beneficent in-

ence upon men, women and children constitute a more enduring monument than one made of bronze or marble.

The amount of labor bestowed upon the statistical portion of Brother Speed's report, must have been—as the "Dominie" would have said—pro-di-gious.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand of the General Fund, Feb. 1, 1907, stood \$13,451.55. The balance on hand of the W. & O. Fund was \$3,399.34. This sum added to the invested funds, makes the Masonic Home Endowment Fund reach the following figures, viz: \$56,399.34.

An interesting case is presented, in this volume, by the report of P. G. M., Emmet N. Thomas, on "State Revenue Agent vs. Aberdeen Lodge." In this case the said Revenue Agent claimed for the State, back taxes for a piece of property (the Lodge building during a period throughout which the title to said property vested in the Lodge.) The grounds of said claim for the State being that said property or a portion thereof was used for profit, therefore not exempted by the law exempting certain species of property from taxation. The Lodge claims that, being a charitable institution it should be exempt under the law. By mutual consent the case goes to the Supreme Court on briefs. The decision of said Court will be awaited with interest as its effect may be far-reaching.

The writer is not a lawyer, but it seems to him that the case must go against the Lodge. In that event, equity would seem to demand that taxes should be paid only on the valuation (if such can be determined) of the portion of the building from which revenue was derived.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated, out of the General Fund, to the Building Fund of the Masonic Home.

By resolution, adopted, the Trustees of the Masonic Home were "authorized and empowered to make a contract or contracts for the erection, equipment and furnishing of the Masonic Home, and to provide rules and regulations for the government of said Home when completed; to elect such officers and employees of said Home as in their opinion may be nec-

essary; to regulate the salaries of such officers and employees and the manner and time of payment of such salaries; for the removal of such officers and employees at their pleasure; and for the general management of the Home." A second resolution provided for use of the building fund by the trustees.

We have read with interest the report of the Law Committee.

Under decision 8, it seems to us that the written statement of the wife, whose husband, a member of the Lodge, had whipped her, presented by two members of the Lodge who called on her and secured said statement, should have availed to bring that wife-whipper to condign punishment. If technicalities might sometimes be dispensed with, the foregoing is a case in point.

Decision 10 declares that a man with only one eye is eligible for initiation.

One can see the propriety of said decision with "half an eye."

"USE OF LODGE ROOM."

"Question 23.—The town of N has about 800 people, half of which are negroes, for which reason the town can support only one public building, and this was erected by a stock company for the use of the citizens of the town, and said company has granted the Masons and a camp of the Woodmen of the World, a perpetual lease to a lodge room, which room was built on the second floor of said building, with the understanding that gatherings of the people of the town, for their amusement, are to have the use of said room free. The lease to the Masons and to the Woodmen of the World was made on this condition. Prior to the organization and charter of the Masonic Lodge, it was the custom of the young people in N to hold dances in said room, which room is now used by the Masons as a lodge room. These dances are not boisterous. The young dancers are chaperoned by their mothers and other nice ladies of the town. Can the Masons use as their lodge room a room in which such dances are permitted?"

"Answer by Brothers Thomas and Clifton.—Under Section 76, Rules and Regulations, a subordinate Lodge has a right, in case of necessity, to rent its hall or to permit the use of its hall to an orderly body, the purpose of whose meetings is lawful, laudible and not antagonistic to the principles of Free Masonry. The Subordinate Lodge is the judge of the necessity. This necessity, however, must be a necessity to the Masonic Lodge, and not to the body which desires to meet in the hall of the Masonic Lodge. A very similar question to this was an-

swnered by the Committee in 1905. (See Proceedings 1905, page 73, Question 22). While Brother Neville appears to have filed a dissenting opinion in this case, the difference between the Committee was as to whether or not a different rule applied to a Lodge room which had been dedicated, than to that of a Lodge room which had not been dedicated. The Committee unanimously agreed as to the other matters submitted in this question, but the Committee condemned the custom of leasing Masonic halls to other bodies. The question, in our opinion, that is submitted now for the decision of the Committee, is, whether or not public balls or dancing, is antagonistic to the principles of Free Masonry. We are of the opinion that it is. While we have no scruples whatever against dancing, we should not want a ball or dance to be given in our church. We have the same veneration and regard for our Masonic Lodge that we have for our church. The Masonic altar is too sacred to us to have the hall in which it is located desecrated in this way. We believe that it would be very hurtful to the Order to permit Masonic Lodges to be held in any hall that is used for the purpose indicated in the letters of Brother C and B, therefore, we are of the opinion that the Lodge ought either surrender its right to the hall, and provide some other place of meeting, or balls and dancing should be prohibited."

"Answer by Brother Roane.—I do not agree with the majority. If Brother B states the case correctly, the Lodge does not own the building, but has a perpetual lease conditioned that the people of the town shall have the right to the use of the hall for their pleasure. It is not a parallel case with the one decided by the Law Committee, referred to by the majority. The Lodge has no right to prohibit these dances, or other amusements in the hall, because whatever rights it has in premises, are subject to the prior right of the people to use it for their amusement, and if they choose to dance the Lodge cannot prevent their doing so, under its lease.

"Fraternally submitted,

"E. N. THOMAS, Chairman.

"W. H. CLIFTON,

"W. A. ROANE,

"Committee."

**'SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.'**

"TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE:

"The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master's address, which referred to dispensations and decisions, beg leave to report that we have examined the dispensations granted and refused by the Grand Master, and the decisions made by him during the past Masonic year, and find them correct.

"We approve the suggestion of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, that the Past Grand Masters be constituted into an advisory Board with whom the various standing and special committees shall consult and advise touching the matters that may come up before them from time to time, and we recommend that the amendment proposed by the Grand Master to Section 39 of the Statutes be adopted as follows:

"Section 39 of the Statutes be amended by inserting the words, 'Past Grand Masters,' after the words, 'Grand Officers,' in the first line, so that said Section shall read as follows, to wit:

"Section 39. The Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Members of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, Complaints and Appeals, Finance and Printing, State of the Craft, Subordinate Lodges, and the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who when acting as such, are not Representatives of Lodges, and not at the time the Worshipful Master of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, are allowed the same compensation, in case of attendance, as Representatives of Lodges within whose Jurisdiction they reside. The sum of one hundred dollars shall be allowed the Grand Master for the incidental expenses of his office annually.

"Fraternally submitted,

"W. H. CLIFTON,
"For the Committee."

A further supplemental report from the same committee must be left unnoticed because we are overrunning the limits of space we have prescribed for our own report.

\$250.00 was appropriated for the proposed monument to the Masonic Confederates buried on Johnson's Island, Ohio, while prisoners of war.

The Committee on State of the Craft presented an eloquent report in memory of the Fraternal Dead of the year. Adopted by a rising vote. Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

At the closing of Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Frederic Speed touched the hearts of the Brethren with words rich in memories, pathos and eloquence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master Harry T. Howard, Chairman of the Committee, presents an excellent report on Foreign correspondence,

in which he accords Alabama, 1905, a couple of pages of courteous, brotherly notice. He, at some length, criticizes our large number of dispensations, for "railroading candidates through the Lodges." The writer's personal opinion, in respect of rushing candidates through the degrees, is too well known to require repetition.

He devotes about a half a page to the Grand Master's decision that a brother in good standing can dimit without giving a reason therefor; also he notes the Law Committee's proviso, that the granting of such dimit shall not reduce the number of members below the legal requirement. Brother Howard's views on the subject are "sound as a dollar."

He will please accept grateful thanks for his kind, complimentary reference to the writer's own report on Foreign Correspondence.

When those fifteen conspirators, of Nogales Lodge trampled their Masonic obligations under their feet they made it manifest that a grievous mistake was made when the Lodge initiated them.

Brother Howard's idea of Mexican Masonry is also the writer's.

We have marked some passages in this report but must pass them by, though with regret.

Bro. Henry Clay Yawn, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Frederic Speed (P. G. M.) R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

86TH ANNUAL—KANSAS CITY—SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Bro. A. S. Houston, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 585; Members, 42,954; Gain, 1,857.

This thick but well executed volume opens with a portrait of the late R.: W.: Bro. Allan McDowell, "Grand Lecturer, 1870-1906," who died May 20, 1906, and with most impressive Memorial Services held in memory of that man who, for forty years, had so ably instructed the Masons of Missouri. As

Past Grand Master Anderson, in his address on that occasion, said: "He is not dead—he has but gone before."

At the opening of the 86th Annual Communication all the Grand Officers were in their places together with a constitutional number of Lodge representatives.

The Grand Master's address (15 pp.) treats topically and concisely many subjects. It pays warm tribute to the memory of the late Grand Lecturer, Allen McDowell, and the late Past Grand Master, Joseph S. Browne. To fill the vacancy in the office of Grand Lecturer, the Grand Master had appointed Bro. J. R. McLachlan.

The Missouri Lodges nobly responded to the appeal for aid to the California sufferers by earthquake and conflagration; the Grand Master says that about \$10,000.00 passed through the Grand Secretary's hands, on the way thither, besides various sums sent by Lodges direct.

"During the year," says the Grand Master, "fifteen Lodges have been formed under dispensation and are now at work—21 Corner-stones had been laid.

He states that he has made no decisions, but has answered all questions, by reference to the law.

He submits, however, several questions with his answers which seem of sufficient importance to be noticed.

In nearly every instance, the answer given, appears to be eminently just as well as good Masonic usage.

We note, however, that one question propounded was the following: "Is it unmasonic conduct for a Mason to sign a petition for a saloon license?"

"Answer.—It is not."

In the writer's opinion, such conduct could hardly be called Masonic, in the light of Masonic laws against the liquor business.

The "answer" just quoted does not seem to be in harmony with the following under "The Liquor Traffic":

"I am not a fanatic on this question. The evils of intemperance do not appeal to me as to some men. But I do earnestly appeal for the jewel consistency. Would we go on record as an organization pledged to temperance, then let us do away

with all dissembling. Let us not temporize with the question that confronts us. Shall we draw a strong line of demarcation against the saloon keeper, but assist, by our signatures, in securing his license?"

He speaks of the District Deputies in terms of highest commendation.

He recommends that the appropriation for Grand Master's expenses be increased to \$1,000.00.

The Grand Secretary's Report shows that every Lodge in the State had made report and paid Grand Lodge dues. This is a showing, of which our Masonic Brethren may be justly proud.

In this report we find that the contributions sent, through the Grand Secretary, to San Francisco, amounted to the sum of \$9,848.80.

From the same report it is learned that during the year the sum of \$29,745.75 had been contributed to the support and maintenance of the Mission Masonic Home.

The Grand Treasurer's recapitulation gives total receipts as \$86,706.80—total disbursements as \$48,346.38, leaving, Sept. 15, 1906, balance on hand \$38,360.42.

M.: W.: Bro. R. E. Anderson's report on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

During the afternoon of the First Day, all the Past Grand Masters present—sixteen in number—were lined up before the dais and presented with P. G. M. Jewels. The Grand Chaplain was called upon to make the presentations speech, a task which he eloquently did; and the response by P. G. M. Bro. R. E. Anderson was most happily conceived. This incident is thus particularly referred to because we desire to applaud a sentiment beautifully expressed by Bro. Anderson on that occasion, viz: that it is better to show love and kindness to the living than to pile flowers on their graves. A dead Brother cannot inhale the perfume of flowers placed upon his bier.

The committee on the address was emphatic in its commendation of the Grand Master. The committee declined to pass upon his suggestion in respect of the liquor question, in the following words:

"7. So much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the liquor traffic, affords a subject for profound reflection, but as the address on that point makes no special recommendation, it calls for no action at the present time."

The committee seemed thankful for any excuse to ignore the subject.

The Grand Orator delivered a "beautiful, instructive, and inspiring address," which was thankfully requested for publication; but in a foot note we are told that the Grand Orator informed the Grand Secretary that he preferred to have it not published.

Impressive memorial services were held, including the carefully prepared report of the Committee on Necrology.

The Committee on Recognition of such Foreign Grand Lodges as have not hitherto been recognized, made report, in which the Committee, very properly we think, recommended that, "for the present, no fraternal relations should be established between the Grand Lodge "Alpina" of Switzerland and the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

"Whereas, it is currently reported in the Masonic press that the Grand Lodges of Germany agreed through a Conference Committee, to recognize the Grand Lodge of France; and

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of France does not require a belief in God as a test of membership, atheists being admitted, and the Holy Bible is not one of the three great lights upon the altar, and

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri is in fraternal relation with the Grand Lodges of Germany; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to ascertain, through the proper channels, the truth or falseness of this report of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France by the Grand Lodges of Germany, and if such report is true, the Grand Master shall declare the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodges of Germany by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri to be terminated."

Adopted.

A proposed amendment to the By-Laws, the purport of which was that "any Mason using the word "Masonic" or any term, design or symbol of Masonry for commercial or other business enterprise, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct, provided this section" (Sec. 211 b.) "shall not apply to Masonic

books, journals or periodicals or a legitimate trade in Masonic supplies," had its first reading.

At suitable junctures, exemplification of the work took place.

The Committee on D. D. G. M.'s Reports found "little to criticise and much to commend in those reports," and congratulated "the District Deputies upon the good work done during the year." The Committee also presented an abstract of said reports covering twenty clearly printed pages.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges puts the net gain in membership as 1,971.

The Committee on Charity had paid out to eight beneficiaries the sum of \$625.00.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the several decisions submitted by the Grand Master, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

The various Boards of Relief had dispensed nearly \$3,000.00.

As a distinguished visitor, Bro. R. M. Jesse, President of the State University of Missouri, was introduced and made a short but eloquent address.

The report of the committee on Appeals and Grievances covers 25 pages of small type; hence we merely add that said report was adopted with an amendment of a single clause.

The customary P. G. M.'s Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

We have passed the report of the Committee on the Masonic Home without comment, but would state that it is full of encouragement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again prepared by Past Grand Master Rufus E. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee, who, in a review covering about 250 pages, presents us with a complete and thorough survey of the Masonic field. When he indulges in occasional comment, his utterances are clear cut and crisp. The spirit of his brief introduction commends itself to the writer's sense of the reviewer's mission.

Alabama, 1905, receives full and courteous attention at his hands. He intimates that Grand Master H. H. Matthews exercised a wise control and proved himself "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

He dissents in respect of two of the Grand Master's decisions—one affirming the eligibility of one who cannot read and write; the other declaring that the wearing of a Masonic pin, by a suspended Mason, is not in itself a Masonic offense. Bro. Anderson justly thinks said suspended Mason is "sailing under false colors" and deceiving the public.

Referring to our proposed campaign of education in behalf of a Home, he says:

"We venture to suggest that, if they would come up and go through the Missouri Home, they would not need any further education."

His remarks concerning the writer's report, is gratefully appreciated.

Under Kentucky, on the subject of physical qualifications, he says:

"The Ancient Landmarks and Constitution are decisive on the point of ineligibility of maimed or deformed persons as Freemasons. There has, it is true, been departure from this rule in many cases, and, perhaps, in all jurisdictions, although very rarely in Britain; but it has been for want of a due consideration of Masonic law and of the principles upon which it is founded. It is not for a moment to be supposed that Freemasons, in their most strict adherence to the principles and rules of the Order, entertain or mean to exhibit any disrespect to their fellow men who have the misfortune to be in either of these conditions; but the intelligent Freemason finds a reason for their exclusion from the Order, not only in the strict requirements of the Ancient Landmarks and Constitutions, but in the principles upon which they were based, and in the symbolic character which belongs to the whole system of Freemasonry, which would be obscured, or in great part obliterated by their admission."

Brother, on the matter of physical qualifications, no doubt, some day, broader views will be taken by Masons generally.

Under Ireland we are especially pleased with what Brother Anderson says about that "3rd resolution" of the International

Conference, in London, on recognition of new Grand Lodges
Bro. David M. Wilson, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. John R. Parsons, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

42ND ANNUAL—HELENA—SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Bro. Henry L. Frank, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Number of Chartered Lodges, 60; Lodges U. D., 5; Membership, 4,421; gain for the year, 194.

The portrait, in this volume, of Grand Master Frank marks him as an alert man of affairs. It is a good face.

Three special communications were held during the year—two—to lay corner-stones, the other to dedicate a Lodge hall.

The Grand Annual was opened in Ample Form Wednesday, September 19, 1906. As has been his wont for some time, the Grand Secretary made a verbal report at the opening, stating that all the chartered Lodges had made returns, and all but one, had paid their dues and further that nearly all the Lodges were represented.

The Credentials Committee reported as present, all the Grand Officers save the Senior Grand Warden, ten Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, including Bro. H. S. Keene for Alabama, together with representatives of fifty-two Subordinate Lodges.

The address of Grand Master H. L. Frank (not quite 8 pages) shows him to have been an earnest conscientious worker, intelligently discharging his various duties. Largely engaged in business, he, as Grand Master, slighted no official obligation. After all, when important work is to be done, a busy man is the one to be called on to do it.

The Grand Master reported but a few of his decisions rendered during the year, and those few are, in the writer's opinion, eminently correct.

Notwithstanding the fact that ill health compelled his absence from the Jurisdiction for four months, he made, after his return, a record-breaking number of official visitations

The following extract will show how he enjoyed that department of his work: (He had visited all but four of the Lodges.)

He congratulated "the different ladies of the jurisdiction" "on the wonderful progress, growth and zeal which he found in the different bodies, and upon the interest taken by the brethren in promoting the welfare and best interests of the Fraternity."

With deep regret he found himself obliged to make an exception to his statement—it was to call attention to gross dereliction on the part of four Lodges which he had used every effort to bring to a sense of their duty, but all in vain. He urged Grand Lodge to thoroughly investigate conditions in these Lodges, and intimated the "extreme necessity of quick and forcible action" in the premises.

The Grand Master had issued dispensations for formation of three new Lodges.

That his "heart is in the right place," is manifested by the following:

THE MASONIC HOME.

"It is hardly necessary for me to make any statement about the Masonic Home, as your Home Committee in their report give you details of what has been done in regard to it; but I am so pleased with a selection of a site for our Masonic Home that I cannot help saying that we have secured the Fred Gamer ranch of 590 acres of fertile soil, with a good water right, located in Prickly Pear valley about seven miles from Helena, and it has all the requirements to make an ideal home for our unfortunate brothers, their widows and orphans, a Home which the fraternity will be proud of and which will bring joy to the hearts of all of us for the happiness that we will be enabled to give to these aged and unfortunate brothers, and I congratulate the order on now being on the way to bring about the realization of a cherished hope we have all had for many years; a hope in which you have all shared—that of the attainment of this great blessing to our brothers, their widows and orphans."

The Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of his Chief, did faithful and efficient service as Acting Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Corre-

spendence, fraternal recognition was extended to the following Grand Lodges, viz. Alberta, Saskatchewan, Alpine, Switzerland and Queensland.

Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, presents an extended report. In him the Brethren of Montana have an unfailing source of information upon all things pertaining to Masonry. But, Brother Hedges, was not that conferring of the Master Mason Degree upon seven candidates in one evening, rather hasty work? Of course they bunched the candidates for the lecture and charge; but even then, there must have been too much hurry.

The total contribution for the California earthquake sufferers was the sum of \$3,031.50. Good for Montana.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance in General Fund, \$7,593.85. Balance on hand, Charity Fund, \$798.10. Total receipts, Masonic Home Fund, \$14,245.08. Total disbursements, \$13,713.08. These disbursements include \$10,000.00, payment on that splendid site for the Masonic Home, the Gomer Ranch.

The Anchard Endowment Fund yields from rents a total of \$2,035.08, and from other sources, \$3,216.00. The total Masonic Loans foot up \$22,100.00. The total Anchard Endowment Loans stand \$10,750.00. This report of the Grand Treasurer makes plain the excellent financial condition of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The Jurisprudence Committee, to which the Grand Master's decisions were referred, reported favorably thereon with some modifications. The Committee's report is short but able.

The Grand Orator was, on this occasion, the Grand Master, Henry L. Frank, who delivered an address on that theme which never becomes "threadbare"—Masonry. The address was, no doubt, both entertaining and instructive to the Brethren.

Charters were granted to Lodges, U. D.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, we are glad to see, is again presented by the veteran Scribe, Cornelius Hedges.

One word but expresses our impression concerning this interesting and instructive paper—admirable!

Brother Hedges gives Alabama, 1905, nearly three pages of his space. He says that such was the success of Grand Master H. H. Matthews that he succeeded himself. He intimates that Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp "has the business well in hand." He thinks that most of our new Lodges "begin with a very small membership, too small for a healthy, respectable Lodge."

He is very kind in his reference to the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence. We quote from his closing remarks under Alabama as follows:

"Our brother is to be congratulated for one of the best reports of the year. His treatment of Montana for 1904 is thoroughly appreciated. His personal congratulations on recovery from rheumatism trouble was more appreciated when written than at present. We are often seriously admonished that our heart, either primarily or sympathetically, is in trouble, and may at any time suspend operation. We have no cause to complain, for it has served us near seventy-five years, and we ought not to expect much more of it. There is much that we would like to see accomplished before entering the world of spirits, but there are others better able to work the accomplishments than we are, and we expect to retain in another life all the interest we now have; and our faith is serene and robust that in God's own time any way all will come right.

"We would like to see Alabama have a Masonic Home. Our own Montana with plenty of means to build and support a Home is apparently no nearer reaching a decision than it was two years ago. It has been left to a committee that cannot agree upon a location and who have already let slip some of the best opportunities. There is room in Montana for many Homes, but we were anxious to have it near some Hot Springs, of which we have a large assortment, but, while our committee, like the blind man at Siloam, is waiting, some one else slips in ahead."

We trust that Brother Hedges will accept our grateful thanks for his valued commendation, and we also indulge the hope that the Craft may enjoy the benefit of his services and counsel for many many years.

Bro. A. D. McDonald, M.: Grand Master.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

50TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—JUNE, 1907.

Chartered Lodges, 234; Lodges, U. D., 4; Membership March 31, 1907, 15,728; Net gain for the year, 565.

A special communication was held at Omaha for the purpose of receiving, from the Grand Jurisdiction of South Dakota, the traveling Silver Trowel sent out by Justice Lodge (853) of New York City, for the purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love all over the world.

Impressive ceremonies greeted the silent traveler, and with hearty benedictions it was speeded on its journey round the world.

The annual communication was opened in Ample Form, M.: W.: Grand Master Zwingle M. Baird presiding, and representatives of 209 of the 234 chartered Lodges of the Jurisdiction being present.

In his address the Grand Master gave such an account of his stewardship as must have insured the warm approval of his Brethren. He omitted (very properly we think) an extended report on the Fraternal Dead, leaving that task to the Committee on Obituary.

He had, November 16, 1906, issued his Commission to Brother Joseph H. Edwards as Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alabama. He had granted a small number of dispensations for various purposes—eight of them being to waive statutary time for conferring degrees. His official visitations were principally to weak Lodges and Lodges in troublesome condition. A worthy example for Grand Masters, in general, to follow.

He had laid five corner-stones, and dedicated one Masonic Temple. He had been invited by the city authorities of——to lay the corner-stone of a public school building. Immediately upon his arrival at——he was waited upon by a delegation, which asked that for the sake of harmony in the community he would grant permission to have the letters, A. F. & A. M. erased from the stone before proceeding with the ceremonies.

He very properly declined to lay the corner-stone under such circumstances. The stone which was to have been laid, was removed to the Lodge room and placed in the north-east corner. Comment is unnecessary.

The spirit of his seven decisions is excellent. Decision No 3 we respectfully commend to prayerful reading by all Captains of Industry and buyers of futures. It is as follows

"3. Dealing on the board of trade, or trading on the board of trade is gambling, and a bad example for a Master of a Lodge to set before his brethren."

The seventh decision is as follows:

"7. An elected petitioner for the degrees of Masonry declines to submit to the regular mode of preparation. Later a brother of the Lodge to which he petitions objects to his initiation. Should the fees be returned? We have two sections of law covering this query and when put as one question, they are in conflict, viz: When a petitioner refuses to be prepared the fees should not be returned. When a petitioner is objected to, the fees should be returned. In this case all the petitioner knows is that he refused to be prepared. Therefore my ruling is that the fees should be retained, according to the law. If afterwards he decides to present himself for preparation, and the objection is not withdrawn, the fees should be returned, complying with our law also.

"I suggest that our law be amended at this session in regard to retaining fees where applicants do not receive the degrees. I am opposed to receiving something for nothing."

His few recommendations were mostly of local interest.

He warmly commends the management of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash balances on hand as follows:

General Fund -----	\$21,629.56
Relief Fund -----	15,392.80

Total ----- \$37,022.36

Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, in his first-class report, informs us that Returns from each chartered Lodge in the Jurisdiction (except three whose charters had been arrested) have been received, and the accounts between the Lodges and Grand Lodge have been settled. He says that all the accounts

for the year ending March 31, 1907, have been closed. Congratulations.

(We must make long and rather rapid strides through the field this interesting volume presents in order to give a few moments attention to each of the half dozen volumes awaiting notice.)

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensations issued by the Grand Master, also the majority of his decisions, with a slight amendment of one of them. Of the third decision which we have quoted, the Committee had this to say:

"We disapprove of decision No. 3, as formulated, and would substitute the following:

"Dealings on a board of trade, providing the transactions are bona fide purchases or sales, and where the intention of the parties is to deliver the actual commodities, are legitimate. But when the parties have no intention of delivering the commodities, but speculate upon the future price, and intend to settle the difference by the market quotations, it constitutes gambling, and is a Masonic offense."

We frankly confess that the Committee's substitute commends itself to our judgment.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Orphans' Educational Fund shows that our Nebraska Brethren are doing a noble work on that line—Several important matters omitted for lack of time and space.

An Emergent communication was held June 10, 1907, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master George W. Sininger, whose death entailed great loss upon the Craft.

CORRESPONDENCE.

On the Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Past Grand Master, Charles J. Phelps, Chairman of the Committee, we can now only say that, as a source of Masonic information there are none better.

Alabama—1906, receives courteous attention, on nearly two pages. Of Grand Master Jacobs, he says:

"He eloquently urges the duty of establishing a Masonic Home in Alabama, saying:"

Then he quotes the passage, in M.: W.: Bro. Jacob's address, referred to. He is very kind to the writer, and may rest assured that his good opinion is greatly prized. Admitting that he probably misconceived our attitude toward Mexican Masonry, he magnanimously says:

"The writer confesses that he probably did not properly distinguish our brother's distinction between our good brothers in Mexico, 'striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be,' and the Grand Body itself, and that, as explained, he was not inconsistent. He and Brother Kuykendall are arguing questions, as to whether proposed amendments to the constitution should be submitted to the lodges, and are considering the question of whether the Grand Lodge is the creature of the lodges, or the lodges the creatures of the Grand Lodge, and have wisely concluded that both propositions are true, for while the Grand Lodge does create lodges, the Grand Lodge in the first instance was created by lodges. But we think that in every Grand Lodge constituted that we have examined, it is declared that the Grand Lodge possesses *supreme legislative authority*, and that being true we never could understand the necessity for referring an amendment to the lodges. We are glad to find the latter view sustained in some Masonic jurisdictions."

As to "supreme legislative authority," we merely ask whether or not the Grand Master can exercise the dispensing power, and Grand Lodge ratify that action on his part, in cases in which the Constitution expressly prohibits the same under any and all circumstances?

Bro. Owen J. King, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Francis E. White, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

39TH ANNUAL—SAINT JHN—AUGUST, 1906.

Bro. Edwin J. Everett, M.: W.: Grand Master.

This handsomely executed volume presents on its opening pages, portraits of Bro. William Franklin Bunting Grand Master 1867-1881, and Bro. James McNichol Grand Master 1881-1888.

On June 24, 1906, pursuant to summons an Emergent Communication was held for the purpose of attending Divine service, at St. John's church, in celebration of the Festival of St. John

the Baptist. On that occasion an impressive sermon was preached by the V.: W.: the Rev. Grand Chaplain.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 36—U. D. 1—Membership, 2,354.

Tuesday, Aug. 28th, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Grand Master Everett presiding, in presence of four Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-eight Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not included.

In his address the Grand Master feelingly commemorated the virtues of five of his Brethren who had passed away during the year—he also reported the deaths of which he had official notice from other Jurisdictions.

Judging by the Grand Master's report of his several visitations, they must have been very pleasant and, no doubt, both pleasant and profitable to the Lodges visited.

From the Grand Secretary's report it is learned that there were 169 raised during the year—that the net increase in membership was 130—that the cash turned over to the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$2,395.64.

After all disbursements the Grand Treasurer's cash balance in Bank of New Brunswick was \$630.08.

Total assets, Fund of Benevolence \$3,630.08. The Board of General Purposes had, at the last annual communication been requested to again consider the general question "of physical qualification of candidates," and the Grand Secretary was directed to correspond with the English Grand Secretary in order to ascertain the views of the Grand Lodge of England on the subject, and to learn the present practice of the Craft in England in regard to it. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, in his reply to said letter, stated that he would send the Board a copy of a circular prepared by a former Grand Secretary upon the question; and in conclusion said:

"It is, I believe, the custom in all English Lodges to interpret the law very liberally, and, if a candidate's mental and moral qualifications are such as to make him a desirable member, it is rarely that he is rejected on the ground of bodily disqualification.

"I am, yours fraternally,
"E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary."

The circular referred to was not received with Sir Edward's letter, and the Board preferred not to finally report until it was received.

On motion, further time was allowed for consideration of the question "of physical qualification."

On recommendation of the Committee on Warrants to New Lodges, a warrant was granted to one Lodge U. D.

On favorable report by the Committee on Foreign Relations fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The committee asked leave to defer report on application of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico with next annual. Agreed to.

The Committee on the Address rejoiced with the Grand Master that Grand Lodge was free from debt and had ample funds in the treasury.

The sum of \$500.00 was transferred from the general fund to the Fund of Benevolence.

The sum of \$25.00 was contributed to the fund for the Masonic Fair to be held at Halifax, N. S., the object of which was to aid in establishing a Masonic Home in Nova Scotia.

It is superfluous to add that all business transacted at this communication was done "decently and in order."

Bro. Edwin J. Everett, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. Twining Harrt, M.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

117TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1906.

Bro. Ira Arthur Chase, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 79—all but one making returns, membership 9,695, net gain 130.

This volume, printed in first-class style, is embellished with several portraits, including that of Grand Master Ira A. Chase, that of the late Joseph Warren Fellows, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee in all the Masonic Grand bodies in New Hampshire, one—the Grand Council—together with a view of the grand officers in group, as well as portraits of several eminent District Deputies deceased.

Three special communications were held during the year—one to constitute a Lodge, one to dedicate a Masonic Hall and one for the purpose of attending the funeral of Joseph Warren Fellows; also the semi-annual was held at Manchester in December, 1905, for the purpose of exemplifying the work.

The Annual Communication was opened at the city of Concord, May 16, 1906.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance, as were twenty-eight other Past Grand Officers, besides the representatives of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions. New Hampshire and Alabama are not linked together in the roll of Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand Master occupies about forty-six pages of the printed proceedings, and is a full and clear exposition of his administration. He devotes about sixteen pages to the topic of necrology, over nine pages under that head, being devoted to an excellent memorial of Judge Fellows, the loss of whom was, to the Craft in New Hampshire, well nigh irreparable. The Grand Master's portraiture of Brother Fellows is striking. A portion thereof is as follows:

"Judge Fellows was a man of splendid physique, a noble mien, fine presence, distinguished bearing, courteous and dignified manner, of scholarly mind, refined tastes and judicial temperament.

"He was a worthy, upright and public-spirited citizen, and as such was interested in all things that pertained to the welfare of society, of the state and the nation. He was high-minded, firm in his convictions of right and duty, honest in purpose and action, and animated by a charitable and loving spirit."

The Grand Master's decisions mark him as a man of analytical mind and of judicial temperament, as well as of thorough devotion to what he deems right.

The writer is, of course, pleased with his answer to the following question:

"What is the amount of the money which should accompany the application for restoration to membership?"

Answer: "The amount due at the date of suspension."

In Alabama, when he pays up he resumes his good standing

as a member, by "operation of law" so called; but we reluctantly add, that here he must also pay amount accrued during the period of suspension.

We also note the following:

"At a Stated Communication, upon taking a vote on a matter of business, several of the brethren did not vote upon the question. The point being raised that every member present should vote unless excused by the Lodge, the Master ruled that the point was well taken and that every member present should vote unless excused by the Lodge."

The Grand Master was asked if said ruling was correct. He did not answer that question but said:

"Answer.—If the by-laws of the Lodge regulate the manner of voting they should be followed.

"If the by-laws are silent in the matter, and the question above named is raised the decision of the Worshipful Master upon the question must stand as the rule of procedure for the particular matter of business, and is not subject to appeal to the Lodge."

With the Grand Master's ruling we fully agree. When the Master of the Lodge makes a decision it must stand for the time being. An appeal, to the Lodge from his decision is not admissible; we question, however, the propriety of said decision by the Master.

The reports of the District Deputies, detailing their work for the year, are concise yet full. One of them complains that, arriving at some Lodges in his district, no officers met him and his party, so that they were obliged to hunt up said officers, to "find out where they are at."

A well written and extended memorial (10 pp.) on the life and character of Joseph Warren Fellows was presented to Grand Lodge, was accepted, and its accompanying resolutions adopted.

R.: W.: Bro. Albert S. Wait's report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the Grand Secretary, and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The five years limitation of jurisdiction over rejected material, was adopted.

The New Hampshire Masons generously contributed \$1,100.00 to the California sufferers from earthquake and fire, April, 1906.

The Grand Master's official acts and decisions were approved.

The Jurisprudence Committee asked leave to defer report on application of Grand Lodge of Alberta for recognition until next annual.

On recommendation of the Committee on Lodges, it was recommended to such Lodges as have by-laws providing for the creation of emeritus members, honorary members, etc., to revise said by-laws and strike out all such provisions.

From the report of the Finance Committee we learn that for 1905, Grand Lodge gave to the Masonic Home the sum of \$6,684.50.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The very highly esteemed author of the report on Foreign Correspondence, Brother Albert S. Wait, in presenting his report says:

"It consists of reviews of the proceedings of the Sister Grand Lodges of the fraternity, forty-one in number, contained in the following list:

"Severe and protracted illness of the writer has caused a briefness in his treatment of topics brought under his notice, which have scarcely marked his reports of former years, and it is to be feared must be accepted as the apology for the many imperfections which the work will be found to present. Such as it is we was for it such indulgence as the brethren in their well-known generosity can accord."

Any work which Brother Wait puts before the Craft for inspection, needs no apology. His productions are always of the best. His terse and lucid observations are, this year, greatly missed. We pray and trust that he may speedily regain his wonted good health.

It is with real regret that Alabama-1905 failed to reach him in time for this report, that our best wishes go to him with hope to hear from him next time.

He quotes Brother Vanderbilt's comment on the Alabama decision in the case of a party, who, after having taken two degrees, was found to be using an artificial limb, and evidently agrees with our Nevada contemporary.

The writer, personally, is of the same opinion that is maintained by our two distinguished Brothers, as we have said heretofore, so now we repeat that after a man has been made a Mason he is entitled to all the light that can be imparted in the Lodge unless charges are preferred against him or objection is raised against his advancement. We go further and undertake to affirm that objection on the part of a member should be made on moral grounds alone.

Bro. William A. Plummer, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Frank D. Woodbury, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

120TH ANNUAL—TRENTON—MARCH, 1907.

Chartered Lodges, 182 (our count); membership, 26,595—net gain, 1,622.

Bro. Walter Chandler, M.: W.: Grand Master. A fine engraving on the first page of this splendidly executed volume introduces to our vision Grand Master Chandler, who, no doubt well graced the Oriental chair.

During the year there had been seven emergent communications—four for the purpose of constituting Lodges, three for the purpose of laying corner stones.

At the Annual Grand Communication, March 20, 1907, there were present, all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters; and Representatives of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions, our envoy, M.: W.: Henry R. Cannon, included.

The Grand Master's address (92 pp.) is a document worthy of careful perusal by all of his brethren, though much of it might be segregated.

His eight decisions reported commend themselves, generally, as conformable to Masonic law. The propriety of decision No. 1, will at once be recognized. It is as follows: (1) "The use of loose-leaf binders for the minute books of Lodges in New Jersey is prohibited."

We note that No. 4 declares it "unmasonic for Entered Ap-

prentices or Fellow Crafts to participate in any Masonic function."

We were aware that usage excluded them from processions, etc., but it would be unmasonic conduct for an E. A. or an F. C. to join a funeral procession, is "as clear as mud" to us.

The Grand Master advises an enquirer that when the Lodge is at labor the inner door is for the candidate and Master of Ceremonies for entering and retiring, and is in charge of the Senior Deacon; but members and visitors coming or going shall pass through the outer door.

That advice might, not without profit, be heeded outside of New Jersey.

We are inclined to question the propriety of decision (5), which reads as follows:

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"It is absolutely necessary, in all cases, that the Committee of Investigation call personally upon the petitioner and make diligent inquiry as provided in the Sixth General Regulation, and satisfy themselves that the candidate has made truthful statements about himself, inquire into his physical condition, and, if any physical defect is found, it should be at once reported to the Worshipful Master."

In our opinion, the petitioner should no more know who reports on his case than he should be informed as to who may have cast a black ball on his petition.

The eighth decision has the right ring. It is as follows:

"(8) The publication and distribution of printed circulars advocating the election of any Brother is so contrary to the spirit of Masonry and the traditions of our Craft, that its practice should be, and is absolutely forbidden."

We would go further and have the canvassing for votes for office, in either Lodge or Grand Lodge, by means of written, printed or verbal solicitation, declared a Masonic offense. Away with political methods in Masonry."

The Grand Master had issued a goodly number of dispensations—most of these for permission to confer degrees on as many as five candidates at one meeting. 49 Special dispensations had been issued also.

From the address we learn that our New Jersey brethren contributed \$11,100.00 for aid to the sufferers by the California earthquake and fire, April 18, 1906. Generously done.

We also find that New Jersey holds, as does Alabama, to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, or at least, to such jurisdiction until the rejecting Lodge waives jurisdiction.

Relations of amity with other jurisdictions are complete, with the exception of only one frictional incident affecting New Jersey and New York.

During the last two years the Grand Master had made eighty official visitations, and some of the Lodges he had visited a number of times—thus setting a good example to some other Grand Masters.

From a case of discipline which the Grand Master reports it is learned that, in New Jersey, when balloting is had, white balls and black cubes are used, thus preventing mistakes.

There are many important matters treated in this address, the record of which is too voluminous to receive attention in this paper. Therefore we pass on.

In old St. Mary's Church, Burlington, an historic edifice, a bronze tablet is to be placed against the wall, in memory of Daniel Coxe, the first Provincial Grand Master.

At a "season of refreshment," some guests of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Robt. K. Stephenson of Delaware, Grand Secretary of New York, M.: W.: Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, and Past Grand Master Levin I. Handy of Delaware, were invited to address the Brethren assembled. The remarks made, on that occasion, were very felicitous.

On the afternoon of the First Day, His Excellency, the Governor of the State and several other State officers were received and welcomed as distinguished visitors. The Governor's address was most happy.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey is by no means poverty stricken as witness the Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, March 1, 1907, and "deposited in two banks, as per instructions, \$16,390.15."

Under the head, Returns, the Grand Secretary, says:

"Though I can report that all returns from Lodges have been received and found correct, yet it is necessary that I should urge upon Secretaries the necessity of their being more prompt in forwarding their reports to the Grand Secretary's office." (Later emphasized by committee.)

"This year has been no exception to former years. It is necessary each year for me to send out thirty or forty letters to Secretaries after the time limit (January 15th) for them to forward their reports. This should not be so."

That is right, Bro. Redway, hit them again. There is no good reason why secretaries should give the Grand Secretary so much annoyance.

The Grand Secretary acquaints us with the fact that the "Index Card System Register" has been inaugurated. Doubtless, it will prove to be valuable.

He states that the fees received from initiates, affiliates, and restored brethren amount to \$12,902.00 with interest added \$154.47, which has been paid to the Home Committee, according to law.

Now that we are assured of a Home in Alabama, some such method of raising money to aid in the construction and maintenance of the same, will no doubt, be adopted here.

The Finance Committee report the contributions to aid the California earthquake and fire sufferers to have been \$11,710.48.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund Committee reported \$1,233.67 transferred to Permanent Fund; also the five cent per capita tax of 1906, transferred from General Account to credit of this account in bank \$1,329.00.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported three recommendations, which were taken up seriatim, and separately adopted; then the report as a whole was adopted, and ordered printed in the proceedings.

Here follow the three recommendations:

"First.—On the question of perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected candidate for initiation, your committee can but reiterate their report upon the same subject to the Annual Communication of 1905. They would, however, recommend, in view of the fact of the existing rule in this jurisdiction, enabling a member of the Lodge, through unworthy motives, to prevent the

reception of a worthy candidate into the Craft, that the fifth article on page 62 of the Digest, 1903, be amended so as to read: 'A three-fourths vote shall be required to give permission to another Lodge to receive and act upon the application for membership of a rejected candidate, and the vote shall be by ballot.'

"Second.—We have given careful consideration to the several decisions of the M.: W.: Grand Master and approve the same and recommend them for adoption by the Grand Lodge.

"Third.—As to the dispensations granted by the M.: W.: Grand Master, and the instances of Masonic discipline reported by him, we would report that, in our opinion, the same were all within the prerogative of his office."

The report of the Committee on the Masonic Home is of a most encouraging character. Those good brethren certainly deserve the plaudits of the Craft for their unselfish devotion to the interests of the Home and of its inmates as well as for their wise management of its affairs. The number of inmates at present is 74. The daily per capita cost of maintenance is not quite 62 cents.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its Annual Report which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the same committee, fraternal recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodges of Tasmania and Alberta.

A charter was granted to one Lodge U. D. on recommendation of the committee on Dispensations and Warrants. The Grand Representatives present were cordially received and welcomed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the good work of Brother Robert A. Shirreffs, Chairman of the committee, who reviewed the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges, including Alabama-1905, which last named body is treated to nearly two pages of courteous, fraternal notice. The writer gratefully acknowledges complimentary reference to his own report.

Brother Shirreffs is conservative, at the same time he is liberal in sentiment and evidently broad minded.

We have only space for a single extract from this able report. Under Tennessee he says:

"A resolution to abolish Edict No. 41 was offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Edict provided that 'the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence *shall* consist of the Past Grand Masters,' and was shown to be in conflict with the constitutional requirement that 'the Grand Master *shall* appoint said committee,' and, furthermore, according to the edict, 'All questions of jurisprudence arising during the recess shall be referred (to) and they shall report thereon at the ensuing annual communication,' while constitutionally the Grand Master has the power to exercise and discharge the executive functions of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session. Hence the resolution to uphold the superiority of the constitution over the edict, and to declare the latter to be unconstitutional, null and void.' Reference to that committee seemed like putting a small lion into a den of large Daniels, and the outcome was as follows, in a supplemental report signed by P. G. M. Angersoll for the committee:"

Then follows a report from said committee negativing said resolution.

Bro. Austin H. McGregor, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Thos. H. R. Redway, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

29TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCTOBER, 1906.

Bro. James G. Fitch, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 25—Membership, 1,629—Net gain, 141.

During the year three Special Communications had been held for the purpose of constituting Lodges, and dedicating Lodge Halls.

Almost immediately after the opening of the Annual Communication, two amendments to the By-Laws were offered, and referred to a special committee of three Grand Masters. The first was, in substance, to create life memberships upon payment, in each case, of \$100.00 down, or in quarterly installments of \$25.00 each during the year immediately following application for said membership—it carrying exemption from all dues except those to Grand Lodge, as well as all the privileges of any member of the Lodge.

The second amendment provided for honorary members, they having been members of the Lodge for 25 consecutive years, in consideration of eminent services to Masonry, their exemption same as that of life members.

Twenty Past Grand Masters were reported present, by the Committee on Credentials, as also were sixty-four other Past Grand Officers.

The Grand Master's address is a well prepared paper and shows faithful, intelligent administration of affairs by him. He had officially visited all but two of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and had made appointments for those two Lodges, but was prevented from giving them the benefit of his presence, by their failure to secure a quorum at the set dates. He traveled about 4,000 miles in making the visits he did make. He speaks in glowing terms of his cordial reception by the Brethren everywhere.

These official visits are a great help and inspiration to the Lodges that have the pleasure and profit of receiving the official head of the Craft in their own Lodge halls.

On the state of the Craft in New Mexico he says:

"Minor differences and disputes there doubtless have been between some of our Brethren, but with our imperfect human nature, this is to some extent at least, inevitable. Such differences or disputes as have been brought to our knowledge, have not been numerous or serious, and the Brethren involved have all expressed a due sense of their Masonic obligations, and have manifested a sincere desire to live up to them."

When admonition is given, and received in a true Masonic spirit, good must result.

He had issued six dispensations to elect and install officers, and ten, to permit joint occupancy of halls.

It is manifest that he is opposed to joint occupancy wherever conditions admit of exclusive use of a Lodge room by Masons. And we would add, rightly so.

He had instituted one Lodge U. D. He submitted thirteen decisions, all of which save two were approved by the Committee and by the Grand Lodge, and the two excepted were approved with slight modification.

For the information of our readers we note decisions 6, 8 and 12, among those adopted by Grand Lodge:

"6.—Held in accordance with an approved ruling of Grand Master Stover, that no objection prevents the advancement of an F. C. unless good and sufficient reasons are stated therefor; that if reasons are given they should be presented to the Lodge in some form, and their sufficiency be determined by the Worshipful Master; in case of any disputes of facts, the F. C. is entitled to a hearing or trial."

"8.—Held that under our By-Laws an application for re-instatement by a Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than one year, must be referred to a committee and be balloted upon in the same manner as a petition for affiliation."

(In Alabama, paying up back dues together with those which have accrued during the period of suspension, reinstates the Brother by operation of law.)

"12.—A minister immediately after being raised to the degree of Master Mason was requested to act as Chaplain of the Lodge; he refused to act unless permitted to close Lodge prayer with 'only in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.'

"Held, this was not permissible. Blue Lodge Masonry requires a belief in God, but no further religious belief, so that all believers in Deity, whether Christian, Jew or Mohammedans, are equally eligible for membership. It in no wise seeks to interfere with the religious beliefs of its members, and that it can only do by avoiding in its exercises the affirmation of any particular religious belief. Certainly many Christian Brethren would object if, in the exercises of the Lodge a belief in some particular Hebrew doctrine practically denying Christianity, was affirmed, and equally it would be objectionable to the Hebrew Brethren if belief in Christianity was asserted. Masonry is neither Christianity nor Hebrewism. It is the common ground upon which all men, who believe in God and are willing to practice certain fundamental virtues, can meet on equal terms."

Correct, and well enunciated, Brother.

The Grand Treasurer's "Re-capitulation" shows the balance of General Fund to be \$2,661.40, and that the Charity Fund to be \$3,633.77.

Under the head, Chartered Lodges, the Grand Secretary says.

"All Lodges have made their annual reports and paid dues with one exception, and I expect receipt of the same during the present session."

The Grand Lecturer had not been able to visit all the Lodges but had filled appointments with several, and had been treated with kindness and courtesy wherever he went. He reported improvement in the efforts of the Lodges to conform to the New Masonic Ritual.

The Report on Correspondence Foreign (annual) was ordered printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, and Valle de Mexico.

As to the latter Grand Lodge, the committee "advises the recognition of this Grand Lodge on the ground that it is the largest, strongest and most rapidly growing Masonic power in Mexico; that it is adhering absolutely to the ancient laws and traditions of the Craft, and seems to be able to maintain itself as a Masonic power."

Well, we wish that the forgoing action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico may find its justification in the future of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico. We must confess, however, that remarks made in his address by Grand Master Mordough of said Grand Lodge, and reported last year, in which he admitted that many obstacles they had still to struggle against before the institution could be considered tolerant in religious matters, and neutral in politics, fell like a January shower upon our desire to recommend recognition.

A Charter was granted one Lodge U. D. The reports of the various Committees were concurred in.

The city of Carlsbad was unanimously chosen for the next meeting place.

After the installation of officers, presentation of Jewels, and appointment of ten District Deputies, the business of Grand Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Past Grand Master J. H. Wroth, Chairman, in a paper of 266 pages is one of the best that have received our attention; its ability

is very marked. The writer is gratified to find himself in agreement with Brother Wroth on so many points of opinion. Among these we note two or three, viz.: the right of objection to visitors; unanimous consent of members present, essential for restoration to Lodge membership; physical injury after initiation not an insuperable bar against advancement; on the subject of dimits, &c. But, as he himself intimates, he does not always agree with us. Well, the writer does not lay, like the Bishop of Rome, claim to infallibility.

Alabama—1905 is generously given a little over five pages of fraternal notice. With reference to Grand Master Matthews' decision that one who cannot read and write is not thereby rendered ineligible for the degrees, it is not concurred in by Brother Wroth. He would require acquaintance with, at least, two of the "three R.'s." Personally we concur with Bro. Wroth on that point.

He thinks that in the case of a profane elected to receive the E. A. Degree, and objected to before initiation, his fees and petition being returned to him, but objection being afterwards withdrawn, upon repayment of his fee and re-filing of his petition, the Lodge may, and ought confer the degree, thus agreeing with our Committee on Jurisprudence.

Referring to the writer's resolution offered, (and which "was promptly voted down") that, in view of Grand Lodge's refusal to relieve those suspended N. P. D. of dues during the period of suspension, that, therefore, when such Brethren were reinstated Grand Lodge should have its dues, on their account for the period of said suspension, he says:

"Brother Titcomb has our sympathy in this matter. It looks very much as if the Subordinate Lodges, while demanding its pound of flesh from the offending brother, was not willing to pay its own just dues to the Grand Lodge. We are unalterably opposed to permitting dues to accrue during suspension, but if a jurisdiction has such a law and insists upon its being carried out, the Grand Lodge is certainly entitled to its share of the dues when they are paid. We fail to see the justice of the action of the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Alabama would not knowingly do injustice to any mortal. If it could only look at this matter

through the writer's spectacles it would hasten to reverse its action in question. By offering said resolution we hoped to open the eyes of our Brethren to our own view of the subject Bro. Wroth has our thanks for his sympathy in this regard. Also, for his courteous reference to our Correspondence Report.

We had noted several passages, in our Brother's report, for extract, but must hasten to the next volume on our table. This volume is executed in first-class style.

Bro. A. N. Pratt, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. A. A. Keen, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

18TH ANNUAL REPORT—SYDNEY—FOR YEAR 1906.

In the volume before us—an excellent specimen of the printer's art—we find Reports of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in four Quarterly, and two Special Communications; likewise an Appendix containing statistics, records, registers of Sister Grand Lodges, report on Correspondence, &c.

The Grand Secretary supplies us with the following statement:

"Active Lodges 206, increase of five during the year. Subscribing members, 11,141, net gain of 63."

"Grand Lodge Fund \$18,739.20. Benevolent Fund, \$57,513.60. Free Masons' Orphans Society, \$130,406.40. Free Masons' Benevolent Institution, \$43,195.20.

This is a fine showing for a Grand Lodge living, growing and thriving in a region which, less than a century since, was occupied by barbarous savages.

Bro. J. C. Remington, M.: W.: Grand Master, continued to occupy the Oriental Chair, on account of the non-arrival of his successor in office, the Grand Master-elect, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, whose installation had been set for December, but who was detained in England by the illness of his wife.

At the September Quarterly, the Grand Master, after paying handsome tribute to the memory of deceased Brethren at home and abroad, recounted his official acts during the Quarter just ended. In closing he said:

"In the marked advancement of the Craft in Australia under local government, we have ample justification, if such were needed, for the encouragement we of New South Wales have always given to the establishment of Sovereign Grand Lodges in Australian Territories, as soon as the brethren found their Lodges sufficiently numerous and strong to warrant the success of the step. (Applause.)"

The sentiment, here expressed, we fully endorse—but applying it to conditions in Queensland we are decidedly of the opinion that these Lodges which organized at Brisbane were not "sufficiently numerous" to form a Grand Lodge, inasmuch as they were a small minority of the whole number of Lodges in the territory—too small to assume authority over the great majority of other Lodges.

Grand Master Remington has held the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales for seven consecutive years, and, under his rule, Freemasonry in the state has prospered and flourished to a remarkable extent. From a financial point of view the following paragraph is replete with interest:

"As to the finances, I only desire to point out one fact, of which I think we may be proud, and that is that although our funds have largely grown, so that they have increased nearly seventy per cent. within the last six and three-quarter years, this has not been attained by transforming our Order into a savings bank. (Applause.) On the contrary, our Board of Benevolence have distributed relief with a generous hand, having paid away during the period I have named over 9,300 pounds to deserving applicants, and we hope, to deserving applicants alone. In addition to this, the Grand Lodge has been drawn upon for the relief of national disasters on several occasions. The Freemasons' Benevolent Institution has disbursed in annuities to aged Masons, their wives or widows, 4,800 pounds; and the Freemason's Orphan Society has supported orphan children of Freemasons to the extent of 3,192 pounds."

In the address of the Grand Master at the December Quarterly, he refers to the unhappy discord subsisting between his own Jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he also gives utterance to sentiments on Masonic duty, which reflect honor upon himself. Note the following:

"The Board of General Purposes' Report discloses a regrettable interruption to the friendly relations heretofore subsisting

and which we had believed would be perpetual, with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is to be hoped, however, that the maintenance of our position, taken up over a year ago, towards the infant Grand Lodge of Queensland, will now be correctly understood, as due solely to our conviction of what is best for Freemasonry in Australasia. Time alone can tell whether we have judged wisely or not, but I sincerely trust that nothing will be done meantime to create a gulf between us and the Grand Lodges of the Mother Country, which it might afterwards be found difficult to bridge. (Applause.) England, Ireland and Scotland may rest assured that there is no desire on our part for anything save absolutely friendly relations with the Grand Lodges, to one or other of which so many of our own Lodges own their birth and infant nurture. (Applause.)

"And what are the lessons which they have handed down to us, and which we in this territory endeavor to inculcate? To remain as Free Masons from all discussions of faiths or politics; to be peaceable subjects to the laws of the country; not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decision of the Supreme Legislature.

"We are emphatically not enemies of any religion, but, on the contrary, number among us the most eminent Churchmen, many of them active members of the Order; and, although we do not question or criticise the precise form of any one's creed, we insist upon belief in the Supreme Being, and in a future state, as an essential Landmark of the Craft. I emphasized this in my first address to you from this Chair in July, 1899; tonight I am probably delivering my last address as Grand Master, seeing that I hope our next meeting will be for the Installation of my successor. My word to you first and last is:—'Stand upon the old ways! Maintain the historic charities of the Order, but give liberally from its General Funds when any great public calamity justifies that course. Remember your duty to God, your neighbor and yourselves. So shall you build up and maintain in this great land an institution 'which age cannot wither nor adversity decay.' " (Loud Applause.)

The reports of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Inspector of Workings, and the Board of Benevolence, are of excellent quality, showing that the heads and hearts of these Brethren are in their Masonic work.

We must add that the "memorandum issued by Grand Master Remington on the Queensland matter absolutely clears him from the charge of disingenuousness preferred by the Grand Register of England in his circular letter widely distributed. We have not space for these two documents.

The Governor of N. S. W., Bro. Admiral Sir Harry Rawson was elected successor to Grand Master J. C. Remington, by whom he was installed into office. The ceremony was conducted with great eclat.

The Earl of Jersey, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was a distinguished visitor. Advantage was taken, of Lord Jersey's presence, by the Chairman and Directors of the Royal Prince Albert Hospital, to request him to lay the memorial stone of the addition to the Hospital. The ceremony was performed in first-class style, in the presence of Craftsmen from all over the state. This addition contains over 200 beds, and costs about \$400,000.00. It is the largest institution of the kind, south of the equator.

This rambling, disconnected report on the fine volume before us must close with the barest reference to the Report on Foreign Correspondence which merits close attention.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consists of five Brethren, viz.: T. S. Rowbotham, Chairman, Claude Manning, J. P. Webster, Thomas Green and Aubrey Malloran. The work of the Committee as a whole is very fine.

From the initials subscribed for the review of Alabama—1905, we are satisfied that the courteous treatment of our Grand Lodge is at the hands of Bro. Rowbotham. He will please receive the writer's grateful acknowledgment of the honor done him in Bro. Rawbotham's comments.

Bro. Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Arthur H. Bray, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

126TH ANNUAL—NEW YORK CITY—MAY, 1907.

Bro. Townsend Scudder, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 775—All having made returns and paid their dues—Dec. 31, 1906, the number of Master Masons in the Jurisdiction, 146,023—Net increase, 6,823.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Grand Master Scudder being in the Oriental Chair. Nine Past Grand Masters were in attendance, and we note with pleasure that our Grand Representative R.: W.: Bro. Otto W. Volger was present, one of the number representing sixty-five Grand Bodies.

In his address, the Grand Master paid, according to custom, a tribute of respect to those Brethren who had passed away, eloquently eulogizing the distinguished dead of his own Jurisdiction, and placing on record the deaths, in Sister Jurisdictions, officially reported to him.

He had issued forty-five dispensations, a large number of these being to elect and install officers.

Under the head, "Foreign Relations," the Grand Master was pleased to note the happy termination of a difference which had arisen between his own Grand Lodge and that of Idaho, the complaint having been invasion of jurisdiction.

He reported receipt of circular from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Province of Ontario announcing the cancellation of the warrant of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem in Palestine on account of grave irregularities. He also reported a communication received from "Grande Oriente D'Italia" requesting his Grand Lodge to participate in celebration of the centenary of Garibaldi's birthday.

He had issued dispensation for the establishment of five new Lodges. Four of these were so promising that he recommended Charters for them. The officers of the fifth Lodge had been guilty of such grave irregularities as to make it necessary to suspend their dispensation. Figuratively speaking, he had cut off the heads of said officers, and, since the great majority of the members were innocent of any wrong doing, he recommended that, under new officers, the dispensation be continued another year.

Under "Decisions" we find the following:

"The question was submitted as to whether a Lodge having received the petition of a candidate a resident for eighteen months of this City, who had previously, while residing in another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, been rejected therein, could, under our Constitutions, initiate such candidate without re-

lease or consent of the Lodge by which he had been rejected.

"I decided that under our Book of Constitutions jurisdiction over a candidate terminates at the expiration of twelve months. When that time has elapsed a rejected candidate is at liberty to renew his petition for initiation and membership to any Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he resides without release from the Lodge by which he was previously rejected.

"There does not appear to me to be any reason why a distinction should be made between a candidate now residing in this jurisdiction and rejected in another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, and the rejection of a candidate residing in this jurisdiction, and rejected by one of our Lodges.

"Fundamentally a candidate must possess certain qualifications to become eligible for the degrees in Masonry. He must if you please, be free born, of lawful age, and come under the tongue of good report. He must possess the necessary physical qualifications. These prerequisites according to correct Masonic usage must be passed upon by the jury of vicinage, under the law here established, irrespective of the rules and regulations of other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

"In connection with the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, it may interest you to know the law of the fifty Grand Lodges in the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia, in the matter.

"Twenty-eight of these limit the period of such jurisdiction; eight claim jurisdiction over rejected material only while remaining residents within their territory, and fourteen adhere to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates."

Of the twenty-eight Jurisdictions holding to a limited period, nine make it 5 years, viz.: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Michigan, Oregon, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Arkansas. Ohio makes it 3 years. Twelve Grand Lodges make it 1 year, viz.: Vermont, Florida, Indiana, North Dakota, Georgia, Montana, Arizona, Tennessee, Washington, California, New Mexico, New York. The remaining six of the twenty-eight make the limit six months. The eight Grand Lodges which make the limit the length of residence in their own respective Jurisdictions are Indian Territory, Nevada, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Wyoming and South Dakota. The fourteen Grand Bodies adhering to the doctrine of Perpetual Jurisdiction are as follows: Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska.

The address informs us that the Grand Lodge of New York contributed \$2,500.00 to the relief of Masons in Jamaica who suffered by the recent calamity at Kingston.

The Grand Master pays a fine tribute to the "German Masonic Temple Association", of the "Ninth or German Masonic District," for their grand benevolence—their truly Masonic liberality. These Brethren not only carry on their great work unaided by others, but also bear their full share of the burden of maintenance of the Home at Utica, and in the support of every measure adopted by Grand Lodge for the betterment of its properties and for the care of its wards. These Brethren are about to erect an additional building at Tappan at a cost of \$50,000.00, and he suggests that, in view of the great liberality of the "Ninth", other Lodges, able to do so, lend a helping hand.

Under the heading, "Statistical and Financial," he presents us with some pretty large figures. Witness the following:

"The Grand Secretary received, for the year ending Dec. 31. 1906, \$184,651.80—\$27,377.77 more than for the previous year. During the year ending April 17, 1907, the sum of \$224,881.10 was disbursed, leaving a balance in the treasury of Grand Lodge of \$49,735.18."

He invites attention to the financial resources of Grand Lodge, as of date, April 1, 1907.

"Grand Treasurer—on deposit-----	\$ 50,821.94
Grand Secretary—on deposit-----	726.49
Permanent Fund, in hand of Trustees	
of M. H. & A. Fund-----	269,557.29
Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund (R. & G.)	260,657.86
Total -----	\$581,765.58

"Special Funds—including Masonic Sanatorium Fund, \$9,086.47; Sanatorium Maintenance Fund, \$678.21; Knights Templar Endowment Fund (\$13,710.71) &c., \$49,847.43.

The Grand Master ably and earnestly discusses the Home—its object, aims,—and results—too long to quote, however.

He questions the propriety of the existing division of the State into two districts—country and metropolitan, and well says:

"I see no reason why a Brother from the City of New York should jump from the floor to the office of Deputy Grand

Master, while a brother from the country district proceeds through the chairs, often in the limelight, nine, ten, eleven, or twelve years before he reaches the Grand East."

The entire address is an admirable document emanating from one who, in his exalted position, surveys the whole field of Masonic effort and experience.

We observe in the Grand Treasurer's report that the amount contributed by the Masons of New York to the California sufferers by the terrible calamity of April 18, 1906, was the very handsome sum of \$40,907.50. Worthy of that influential Grand Jurisdiction.

The excellent and thorough report of the Superintendent of the Home together with statistical tables, occupies some twenty-seven pages of this volume. The Institution under its able management is doing a great work.

"Actual cost of maintenance—\$70,043.57. The average for the past thirteen months equals 310.75 inmates.

"Upon the basis of one year, the per capita cost would be \$212.23."

From "Balance Sheet Showing Expenses Masonic Home From March 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907," we glean total receipts \$105,213.81—disbursements, \$104,938.13, leaving "*cash balance in the hands of Supt., March 31, 1907, \$275.68.*

About sixty-one pages of the volume are taken up by the report of the Grand Historian presenting details of the history of a large number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction—details of much interest to New York Masons.

The several reports of the German Masonic Temple Association, the Board of Relief, and of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild present abundant evidence of the fact that the exercise of charity is a cardinal virtue among those Masons.

The "Judge Advocate" (an officer unknown in most Grand Lodges) seems to be an expounder of the law. His duties appear to be much the same as those of the Grand Registrar in the United Grand Lodge of England. From his report we learn that two actions brought by one Kostright Cruger against the Grand Lodge, one for \$50,000.00 damages for alleged libel, and one to restrain the enforcement of the Penal Code making

clandestine operations felonies, the former having been tried in the Supreme Court (a jury case) and the other tried in the United States Circuit Court (the Court sitting in equity) so resulted that Grand Lodge won both cases. As a result the Judge Advocate says the Grand Lodge is, for the first time in several years, free from pending litigation. The thorough reports of the District Deputies fill nearly fifty-three pages.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Brethren is exceptionally worthy of note.

After ingeniously vindicating the doctrine of immortality, from a philosophical point of view, the Committee, on the same line continues thus:

"Then, again, to fortify Masonic faith, think of this!

"Eternal and exact justice is always and everywhere the highest ideal of righteous government. There is anarchy where there is not justice. And yet in the life of many a man, good man, too, there is no such thing in this life as real justice. There are men in prison who ought to be out, and there are many more men out who ought to be in. Death comes to thousands before they have had any chance to fulfil any purpose in this creation. Labor often goes for naught and the deserving fail of any real or proper reward. Sickness and suffering are the lot of most, disappointment and loss the portion of many.

"Worse than all this, the wicked not only seem to but do prosper. Vice triumphs over virtue not infrequently. Gamblers thrive and honest men go hungry. Thousands have been slain in battle, conscripted by the word of an ambitious monarch, and compelled to fight in a cause both false and forlorn.

"With all our courts we know that justice is not always a realized asset, and it is an open secret that wealth can secure, if it does not purchase, delay of punishment and immunity from the sentence of death. Moreover, there is always the possibility of permanent injury to character and reputation for which there is no redress whatever. Justice, we say, rigid and exact justice, is impossible to secure in this life.

"It would certainly seem, if Eternal Wisdom has anything to do with putting a man here, it will provide hereafter, since it has not provided here, for eternal justice. For the corrective punishment of the determinedly wicked, and the just reward of the intentional righteous, a future life is a necessity.

"One further consideration is now submitted. We never came into this world of our own choice. We are not responsible for being here. In such a life as a human life there must be some purpose, some great purpose, some eternal purpose, some divine design. If I never saw a watch and went into

the woods and found one I would know that some man made it. If I find a mechanism like a human heart, beating from an undiscoverable second without a rest for the term of allotted human life, I know without being told by book or preacher, that God has something to do with it. Now here is something peculiar to man. We arrive here helpless. Until we acquire a certain degree of self-possession, somebody has to take care of us. That is not so strange, perhaps, but this is, and you are asked carefully to consider this.

"The body grows, develops, reaches its maturity, and then declines; not, however, you will observe, until it has reached the maximum of its growth and energy. Now the mind and the soul, that which we think and reason, and that by means of which we are able to love and to worship, are as dormant at birth as is the body. They know nothing until they experience something. By knowledge and experience all three, body, soul and spirit, develop. But what happens? There is a maximum development of the body, but none of the mind, nor of the soul. You can fill a basket with apples, but not a mind with intellect, nor a soul with love. The more you know the more you can learn. The more you love the more capable you are of deeper reaches of love. There is no end of becoming good. If we are not becoming better we have not yet become good.

"One-third of a human being, his body, has opportunity for full development in this life, while two-thirds are denied the chance for full development. The idea of immortality originates, you see, in the very necessity of things. Since under no conceivable conditions one can achieve in this life the perfection of which he is capable, extended opportunity, which is only another name for immortality, must somewhere and somehow be provided.

"This human play must continue upon some stage until the divine plot of existence is developed and the divine purpose is fully attained. As we view the panorama of generations passing, there are but few conspicuously successful. The vast majority work hard, weep some, endure bravely, and die manfully, though life to most of them has been but a glorified drudge. Myriads die in infancy, or in freshly budded youth, apparently with any purpose in their existence unfulfilled.

"Many have had a chance and missed it, and wouldn't do so again, were another chance afforded. Some apparently had no chance and everything seemed to be against them. And, then, there is this that is pathetic, hosts of men in every rank of life strive and struggle manfully, but have undeveloped capacity for success or greatness, because hindered and suppressed by conditions and circumstances.

"Most men in this world have a reasonable right to clamor for that which in this life they will never have, a free chance and a clear field and a fair show. It is submitted to you, reasonable men and Masons, that the only thought that can make

life reasonable and reasonably endurable is the thought of God, and the only possible explanation of life's complexities is the assumption of a better and an unhampered life beyond.

"The purpose of human creation unattainable here must be attained hereafter. What the whole world wants most a good God will not deny. Our heavenly Father loves to please us, not to tease us.

"To have inborn hopes of immortality never gratified would be more cruel a thing than any earthly parent would inflict upon its offspring.

"Immortality is reasonable. The Masonic faith is justified at the bar of human judgment.

"Death does nothing but open a door, entering which the soul of man starts out upon the larger life, to become the perfect man, up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of ideal humanity."

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that no question had come before it for consideration.

The various other Committees made reports which we pass for want of space at command.

After the installation of the officers-elect, the Grand Master, re-elected, made some pertinent remarks, making no promises, lest he forget, but unhampered by any pledges he assured his Brethren that he should do all in his power for the best interests of the Craft.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by a Committee consisting of Past Grand Master William Sherer, Chairman, and Brothers Emil Frenkel and Emanuel Loewenstein. Brother Sherer reviews the American Grand Lodges, and the other members review the Foreign Grand Bodies.

Brother Sherer's reviews are concise touching the salient points in each record of transactions.

He accords Alabama—1906 somewhat more than a half-page of courteous notice. He quotes Acting Grand Master Jacobs on true Masonry, and says his fifteen decisions are all sound and according to good Masonic law and usage, citing the one in regard to trial of an E. A. or F. C.

Inferentially, he refers to our report on Foreign Correspond-

ence, although he does not name the Committee, still, in a fraternal manner.

As to the Continental Grand Bodies, what view soever we may entertain in regard to their usages, one thing is apparent. viz.: that the supreme consideration of charity is not neglected by them. Quoting from our distinguished contemporary under New South Wales:

"Much charity is accomplished * * * * which after all is the real" work of Masonry.

Under "Diet of the Union of Grand Lodges of Germany", we note that "The amount collected by all members of Grand Lodges' Union for the 'Auguste-Victorian Stiftung' in honor of the silver wedding of the Imperial Couple" amounted to 76,500.55 M. The Victorian Stiftung "affords shelter in old age to the needy widows and other aged female relatives of Masons."

Its funds continue to increase. The building fund, for 1904-1905, amounted to 251,412.25 M.—an increase of 4,508 M. over the previous year. The endowments, for the same period reached 98,227.15 M., while the capital of the Dahme asylum approximates 21,267.10 M. * * * The total assets amount to 370,900.50 M., a gain, over the previous year, of 6,646.20 M.

The "Home for Aged Masons at Einbeck" is a very important and worthy charity. Sept. 17, 1905, it had cash amounting to 53,700.96 M., and its funds totaled 100,024.96 M.

The Grand Lodge of Concord (Zur Eintracht) "has jurisdiction over eight St. John's Lodges with a total membership of 750, who maintain eighteen charities."

The Grand Lodge of Saxony at Dresden "governs 25 Lodges with 4,615 members, 132 charities and 26 Masonic circles.

These facts speak for themselves, making comment needless.

Bro. Townsend Scudder, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

ACTIVE LODGES, 141.—MEMBERSHIP, 7,783.

PATRON.

His Majesty King Edward VII, M.: W.: Past Grand Master of England.

Bro. His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, Lord Plunket, M.: W.: Grand Master-elect.

Elegant portraits of Grand Master, Lord Plunket and Secretary Malcolm Niccol appear on the opening pages of this very handsome volume. This book is also embellished with representations of the nine Grand Superintendents of Districts in group, the Grand Officers collectively pictured, the tastefully executed monument in memory of the First Grand Master of New Zealand, Henry Thames, and also portrait of Past Grand Master Richard J. Seddon, deceased, also one of Past Grand Master, Alfred H. Burton.

17TH ANNUAL—CHRIST CHURCH—MAY, 1906.

Bro. Alfred H. Burton, M.: W.: Grand Master in the Chair.

The attendance at this Communication was very full, nearly all the Lodges in the Colony being represented.

From the following words in the Grand Master's address, it appears that financial conditions are fine in the Grand Lodge of N. Z. He said:

"I think you will be satisfied, first of all, with the financial position. We—my colleagues and myself—were rather laughed at two years ago for being too optimistic when we said we trusted that at the end of two years the cash balance of Grand Lodge would amount to \$50,000.00. After we had declared our intention once or twice we began ourselves to think we had been a little too sanguine. But you will see from the reports that we were perfectly justified in our anticipations and our wishes. \$50,000.00 was the sum we fixed, or thought upon, and you will see that we have reached it and passed it."

He says that a better Grand Secretary than R.: W.: Bro. Niccol "it would be difficult to think of, much more to find."

He, in the latter part of his short address, gives the Subor-

dinate Lodges some wholesome hints and suggestions especially as to the selection of officers. He thinks it worth while to consider whether, in case of a black ball in the ballot, an amendment requiring a second black ball would not be admissible.

With us, if only one black ball appears in the ballot box on the first round, a ballot is retaken. If a black ball appears after the second round, the candidate is declared rejected—unanimity being required.

The total assets of Grand Lodge foot up \$59,327.62.

Balance of Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, \$27,381.38. Balance of Fund of Benevolence, \$11,702.26.

The Board of Benevolence had, during the year, made grants amounting to \$732.18.

Six Annuities were confirmed and two new ones granted.

The Board of General Purposes made statement showing the cash balances of the several Funds aggregating a total of \$51,614.40, thus substantiating the Grand Master's assertion that the balance was now \$50,000.00.

Five new Lodges had been constituted.

A very considerable portion of these Proceedings is taken up in a presentation of the dispute with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, including correspondence extending over two years. In that matter the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, is, undoubtedly, in the right. On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of Scotland holds to the view it has assumed, with bull-dog tenacity. There is no reasonable doubt that Grand Lodges in general, will approve the attitude of the N. Z. Grand Lodge in said dispute.

Our New Zealand Brethren are to be congratulated on the decency, order and dignity of their deliberations, and especially on their great advancement, and systematic benevolence.

The addresses of the outgoing, and the incoming Grand Master were excellent in spirit.

One brief paragraph in Lord Plunket's address merits serious reflection. It is this:

"Previous occupants of the Throne have urged you to see that none but worthy men are admitted to our Order. In that advice I must fully concur. But in carefully guarding the porch, let us be sure that the candidate of good repute, discreet age, and sound judgment, whom after careful consideration you have found worthy, finds on admission that *you are worthy also.*" (Italics ours.)

By a testimonial from the Brethren of the Craft, in the shape of a purse of sovereigns, the heart of the retiring Grand Master was made glad—appreciation of his faithful, successful administration.

We necessarily pass much in this volume worthy of notice.

Bro. His Excellency Lord Plunket, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. F. C. Binus, R.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

Bro. Malcolm Niccol (P. G. M.), V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

18TH ANNUAL—INVERCARGILL—MAY, 1907.

Active Lodges, 141—Membership, 7,783.

Bro. His Excellency Rt. Hon. Lord Plunket, M.: W.: Grand Master.

We must congratulate M.: W.: Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Secretary on the excellent execution of this volume. The business to be transacted by Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication was carefully scheduled and published with these Proceedings.

Grants of Charity for the year ending 31st March, 1907, were, as per report of the Board of Benevolence, made to the amount of \$840.

The total annual charge on the Annuity Fund—that is the total Annuities granted, for the year amounted to \$1,041.60. The total increase to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, during the year had been \$5,518.12.

Much pomp and ceremony marked the installation of Lord Plunket as M.: W.: Grand Master. The Grand Representatives of 21 Jurisdictions tendered him fraternal greetings and good wishes, and twenty-one other Grand Representatives conveyed

by telegrams or letters their congratulations and regrets at inability to be present in person.

The routine business of Grand Lodge may be left unnoticed in this hasty review, save to say that four new Lodges were reported as having been added to the Roll during the year.

The feeling among English Lodges on the island in favor of transferring their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of England to that of New Zealand continues to manifest itself. According to the agreement entered into by England and New Zealand, when the latter secured recognition from the former, permission to vote on the question of transfer of allegiance, must be obtained from the Grand Master of England before the question can be tested in said Lodges. It has been understood always, that when two-thirds of the Lodge members favor taking a test vote upon the question, there would be no trouble in getting the required permission. As to that matter, witness the following:

"However, in a case which occurred lately, although an overwhelming majority were in favour of the Lodge taking the vote, the District Grand Master forbade their even discussing the question, and an appeal to England against his decisions was necessary before the bare right to ask permission from the Grand Master could be secured. When the humble request of the Lodge (carried by a majority of about five to one) to be allowed to take a vote as to whether the Lodge should transfer to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was preferred, that permission was refused."

If the settled policy, in the British Grand Lodges, is to prohibit any agitation of the question of transfer of allegiance, then, in that case, the rule, adopted at the London Conference, requiring concurrence of two-thirds of the Lodges, in a given territory, in an effort to transfer, in order to bring the matter under consideration, is a travesty on equity and fair dealing.

To the Grand Lodge of England we would say: Take your iron collar from the necks of your New Zealand Brethren, and let them declare their wishes as to transfer of allegiance. So doing you would have no more devoted friends than those of N. Z.

The dispute with the Grand Lodge of Scotland "drags its

slow length along." We will not call said Grand Lodge "freebooter", but we undertake to affirm that she is as obstinate as a mule. So surely as day follows night will the eyes of that "Foreign and Colonial Committee" at Edinburgh be opened, sooner or later, to see that the independence of those N. Z. Lodges (S. C.), of foreign rule is inevitable.

We wish to give the ——— Grand Lodge of Scotland its due; therefore gladly quote the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge, Brother David Reid, to the effect that his Grand Lodge has refused to grant a Charter to a proposed Lodge at Kingsland, N. Z.

We had elsewhere expressed our abhorrence of an attempt to plant new Lodges (S. C.) in New Zealand after recognition of the Grand Lodge of N. Z., and we now take pleasure in exonerating our Scottish Brethren so far as this particular case is concerned.

Bro. His Excellency, Lord Plunket, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Bro. Malcolm Niccol (P. G. M.), R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

120TH ANNUAL—RALEIGH—JANUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction, 352—Number that have made returns, 326—Number U. D., 14—Number of Master Masons, 16,835. Of these 1,064 are not members. Number raised during year, 1,486.

Bro. Francis D. Winston, M.: W.: Grand Master, whose portrait, together with others, embellishes this volume.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form with M.: W.: Brother Winston in the Chair, and all the other Grand Officers at their stations, and places. We are glad to note that our Representatives, Bro. S. M. Gattis of Hillsboro, was one of the Grand Representatives reported present, as also were eleven Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master's address (14 pp.) is a thoroughly good one. The true Masonic spirit runs through every line of it,

and it is marked by chaste and elevated sentiment. Worthy of note as being decidedly meritorious, his sentences, as a rule, are short.

He had granted eight dispensations to hold elections, but had refused a large number for doing work out of time, only granting four such, for exceptional reasons therefor.

He reported fourteen decisions, but made no reference to nearly 100 which were clearly provided for by reference to the Code.

The 14 which were presented, we do not hesitate to endorse save that a question may be raised in regard to decision 9, which declares that a man's legal residence is his Masonic residence. If by the word "legal" is meant where a man votes, such a case as the following might occur: A person's name might be on the list of electors in Raleigh, but he and his family removed to another place where he and wife and children lived year in and year out and so continued. Here he had his residence; attended church; sent his children to school; had all his domestic affairs attended to; in fact made and continued it as his residence—his domicile—his home, only when important elections came on, visiting Raleigh to vote. Why, in the name of common sense, should not this place to which he had removed from Raleigh, be considered his Masonic residence?

As to decision 14, we freely admit that a Roman Catholic is not by reason of his religion rendered ineligible for the degrees of Masonry. Is it, however, wise to accept him when, no doubt, he will be obliged when death is imminent to renounce Masonry? Does not "Rome" excommunicate any of her flock who become Masons? Well, we turn the matter over to Brother Hodson, of Oregon, or Brother Barlow of Connecticut, or Brother Diehl of Utah.

M.: W.: Brother Winston seems to believe in rotation in office. Not so do Maryland and Georgia think.

R.: W.: Bro. Heartt's balance on hand was the sum of \$4,647.07.

Grand Secretary John C. Drewry shows in his report that

twelve Lodges U. D. had been formed and four dormant ones worked up. These had, however, surrendered their Charters. Also nine Special Communications, under the authority of the Grand Master had been held during the year. He gives us the information that in the last ten years the membership had grown from 9,842 to 16,835. The new Temple is coming.

North Carolinians are justly very proud of the "Oxford Orphan Asylum", their grand homelike Home for the children. From the report of the Board of Directors it is learned that there were in the Asylum, at close of the fiscal year, 280 children, all in good health. The Board has an invested fund of \$11,300.00. Besides this the Board is in possession of a piece of property known as the Minneapolis property, the sale of which is expected to add \$3,000.00 to the Fund. A remarkable showing is that made by the tours of the "Singing Class" of the Asylum, the gross receipts therefrom, for the year being \$8,440.00. The net receipts from the tours were \$7,232.05.

The Board asked for an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the coming year. The report concludes with highest encomiums on the management of Superintendent Hicks. The Treasurer's report states the amount of invested funds as \$19,100.00.

The report of Superintendent Hicks marks him as most admirably qualified for his responsible position. We make a brief extract from his report, as follows:

"COTTAGE LIFE."

"In the cottage or family life, so fundamental in the training of the boys and girls, I can also report evidence of improvement. There seems to be, upon the whole, a skillful, persevering effort to adapt the instruction and training, so far as may be, to the needs and capacities of individual children, to lead them into experiences and activities which have character forming effect.

"An ideal toward which we would continually strive is the reproduction of true and normal family life, in so far as this is possible in our institution."

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"I agree with Dr. Edward Devine, who has devoted his eminent abilities to social service, that 'to preserve a normal family life for growing children, even with sacrifices, and even with external relief, with their own parents when they are fit guardians, and to prevent the breaking up of any family until evi-

dence is clear that the physical and the spiritual welfare of one or more of its members make it absolutely necessary, are primary conditions of a sound relief policy.'

"Eliminating all cases where it is thought best to employ means to keep the children with competent mothers or near relatives, there will still be many children bereft of father or of both parents, who need and can probably be most effectively aided through the instrumentality of institutions like ours. *But we desire to strongly impress upon the brethren the importance of a most thorough examination into the facts connected with each application for admission of children, and of most diligent care in the decision as to their acceptance into the Orphanage.*"

The Superintendent says: "Taking into the calculation our inventories which are necessarily rather inaccurate, we make the per capita cost of maintaining each child for the twelve months, approximately \$58.35. and of maintenance and education about \$70.35, above the earnings of the institution and the donations in kind used."

The address of the Grand Orator, Brother Jas. J. Carden, was ordered printed, and unanimous vote of thanks was extended the author thereof.

His theme was treated under two heads, viz.: "The Subjective and Objective Features" and "History of the Order." The address was lengthly, but able, impressive and instructive, from first to last. We have read every word of it, but will not mar its effect by any, perhaps ill-chosen extract therefrom.

The Historian reported his completion of "The Beginning of Freemasonry in North Carolina and Tennessee," and offered the same to Grand Lodge for the cost of its publication—about \$75.00, not charging anything for his work in its preparation. The edition he had printed would, doubtless, supply one copy to each member of Grand Lodge. Report read and referred to a special committee of three.

Total subscription for the new Temple, and total payments up to January 1, 1907. Subscriptions as follows: \$139,037.17—payments, \$50,965.19, of which the Temple Committee had spent \$38,200.00 for a site and for some necessary things, leaving in hand cash in bank \$10,545.72. Eleven Charters were granted to Lodges U. D. and three were continued U. D.

The decisions of the several Grand Masters, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, have been codified.

The thanks of Grand Lodge were extended to "Col." J. J. Hicks, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, for the donation of his salary for the last several years to the Grand Lodge, together with prayers for his restoration to health and many years of usefulness.

After submitting his Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings, Brother John A. Collins submitted an able, special report in which he recommended: 1st, that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta; 2nd, that at this time the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico be refused recognition, and that the request of the Grand Lodge of Alpina (Suisse) be denied. The report of the Committee was referred to the Law Committee.

On recommendation of special committee on the Historian's report offering Grand Lodge his work, entitled "The Beginning of Freemasonry in North Carolina and Tennessee", for—say \$75.00 to cover cost of publishing the same—Brother Haywood's offer was accepted, and Grand Lodge voted him \$150.00 to reimburse him for his outlay. We do not doubt that said \$150.00 was well spent.

We have read the report of the Special Committee on the "Allen Claim," but as it is of peculiar interest to our N. C. Brethren alone, we pass it without further notice.

The report of the Custodians is rather in the nature of a Jeremiad over the lack of uniformity in work among the Lodges, even the city Lodges being charged with sluggishness in appropriating the standard work. The Board compliments the Lecturers on their faithful labors.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge accept with sincere thanks the proceeds (between \$1,200.00 and \$1,500.00) of the Masonic Bazaar held in the City of Charlotte under the guidance of Bro. P. M. Winchester, S. G. D., which is to be used for the purpose of building a home for aged Masons."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all of the Grand Master's decisions except one—No. 9 which ruled that a man's legal residence was his Masonic residence. Says the Committee:

"Decision No. 9 is overruled, as contrary to Masonic law. It is 'That a man's legal residence is his Masonic residence.' To enable a lodge to entertain a petition for degrees *one must have resided* twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and must have resided twelve months within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which the petition is presented. To acquire a legal residence, under the present State law entitling a person to vote, requires two years' residence in the State, and six months' residence in the county. For the service of process a different law obtains. Surely it was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to leave the 'residence' to the statute law of the State. We construe the word 'residence' and 'resided' in Article 10, Section 5, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to mean actual, bona fide residence. That is, where one lives, and not necessarily where one might have his legal or political residence, and certainly not when one may be a transient or sojourner."

North Carolina and Virginia have agreed to reciprocate as to border Lodges receiving applications across the State line.

Under supervision of the Board of Custodians, the uniform work was, at a suitable juncture, duly exemplified.

St. John the Baptist's Day was duly observed. A leading feature in the able address by "Col." Solomon Gellut (Italics ours) was recognition of the noble efforts of benevolence on the part of the O. E. S.

In the endeavor to shorten this paper we have omitted several things worthy of note.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Without the wonted "Conclusion," Brother John A. Collins, the veteran reviewer, presents another of his always admirable reports. Alabama—1905 receives brotherly and courteous attention.

The kind commendation of the writer's report is thankfully appreciated.

Below, we present his Introduction:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina:

"Your Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its eleventh annual report, which is a review and presentation of the Proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges, a list of which is herewith appended.

"We have striven earnestly to select for this report such items as will be of interest and profit to the rank and file of the North Carolina Fraternity, especially to those brethren who have but little opportunity for Masonic reading. If it shall, in any way, stimulate even a small number of our 'less informed brethren' to further investigation and study of Masonic principles and usage, the expenditure of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for this purpose may prove to have been well invested.

"As reported a year ago, the prosperity of the Craft universal is little short of marvelous, and universal harmony and peace shower their blessings upon the Fraternity. With the exception of some friction between some of the Grand Lodges of the Australasian group and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, there is peace and good will everywhere, and Masonry is to be congratulated on account of these desirable conditions."

Under Delaware he says:

"Delaware flies a flag, the imitation of which we command to those brethren who believe in the display of the Stars and Stripes in Masonic Lodges.

Said flag consists of a white field with square and compass and letter G. emblazoned thereon. "*Verbum sat,*" &c.

Bro. Francis D. Winston, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Jchn C. Drewry, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

41ST ANNUAL—HALIFAX—JUNE, 1906.

Bro. Charles R. Smith, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 66—Master Masons subscribing, 4,715—Net gain, 298.

This Grand Jurisdiction appears to be enjoying the most prosperous period of its history.

We note that at the opening of Grand Lodge there were thirty-one Grand Representatives present, besides six Past Grand

Masters and thirteen other Past Grand Officers. (It is observed that the space opposite "Alabama" in the list of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is vacant.) The time-honored custom of attending Divine services prior to engaging in the business of the session, was duly observed. Circumstances peculiarly favorable to such observance, subsist in the British possessions.

Grand Master Smith's address marks him as one whose highest aim is, to serve the Craft with zeal and fidelity. Among his official decisions, which so far as we can now see, are correct, we note that he gave answer to the following question: "Are Subordinate Lodges forbidden to grant Masonic burial to Masons in this Jurisdiction who have been non-affiliates for one year or more?" as follows:

"The part of Section 53, Chap. XV, reads as follows:

"Any Brother who shall remain a non-affiliate Mason within this jurisdiction one year or more shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge or join in a Masonic procession, *nor be entitled to Masonic relief or burial.*" (Italics ours.)

The Grand Master presents his answer thus:

"Now down to the comma after the word 'procession' the section is evidently imperative and, in my judgment, clearly enacts that the non-affiliate mentioned shall not visit any Lodge or shall not join in a Masonic procession. But after the comma, as I read it, the imperative part of the section drops, the words following being, 'nor be entitled to receive Masonic relief or burial.' In my opinion, the meaning of the words quoted, is that the non-affiliate shall not be entitled as a matter of right, but that the granting of Masonic burial will be, and is discretionary with the Master of the Subordinate Lodge. * * * Another point that has weighed upon me a good deal in coming to the conclusion arrived at, is that, if Masonic burial is forbidden, then Masonic relief is also forbidden, for the same words apply to each. And certainly the learned framers of our Constitution, certainly the Grand Lodge never intended that our Subordinate Lodges should refuse Masonic relief to the Brother in distress simply because he happened to be a non-affiliate of one year or upwards in the jurisdiction."

The Grand Master referred to this matter at some length because great importance was attached to the subject by a large number of Craftsmen, and because great difference of

opinion as to the matter existed in the Jurisdiction. He held and ruled that the granting or refusing Masonic burial was a matter in the discretion of the Master of the Subordinate Lodge.

He had granted quite a large number of special dispensations, only five of them being permission to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions for the degrees.

He fills some seven pages of the volume before us with a detailed account of his twenty-nine official visitations, which were very enjoyable.

He is a warm advocate of a Masonic Home.

June 8th, 1906, the Grand Treasurer had on hand a balance cash amounting to \$2,375.55.

The Grand Secretary says the gain in the total receipts this year, over last, amount to \$961.28.

He says:

"Returns have been received from every Lodge in the jurisdiction and it gives me pleasure to report that they came to hand more promptly than heretofore, but I regret to say that cash for dues did not always accompany the returns," &c.

But he observes that all would be paid in very shortly.

R.: W.: Brother Mowbray's "Statement," Home for Aged Masons' Fund, 1905-1906, shows amount of fund in bank, June 7, 1906, as \$1,703.29.

The Trustees of Fund of Benevolence reported balance of said fund on hand, as \$1,753.10.

The District Deputies made detailed reports of their work for the year. On recommendation of a Special Committee, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia objects to the present title assumed by the "Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario," and urges that said title be changed to "Grand Lodge of Ontario," and adopts the following:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia place itself in communication with the other Grand Lodges of Canada, outside of Ontario, requesting them to unite in urging the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, to change its name to one which will lead to less misapprehension among foreign Grand Lodges."

By a standing vote the Grand Lodge extended its congratulations to Grand Secretary Thos. Mowbray upon the fortieth anniversary of his marriage, coupled with hearty good wishes for his prosperity and happiness for many years to come.

The Grand Master presented to Grand Lodge an enlarged photograph of himself in his official regalia, and was tendered the thanks of the Grand Body for "his handsome and most acceptable present."

Cordial recognition was unanimously extended to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

All three degrees of Symbolic Masonry were exemplified at fitting times. It was resolved that the work as exemplified by the Committee, i. e., the Ancient York Rite as practiced in New York, be adopted as the authorized work of the Jurisdiction. Grand Lodge thanked the Committee for its satisfactory work.

On the subject of Benevolence, we may say that evidently the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is alive to the importance of providing a comfortable Home for its widows and orphans, as well as for aged and indigent Brethren. It is safe to predict that ere very long, such an institution will be established in New Scotland (Nova Scotia).

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master voiced the sentiment of the Craft, in bestowing unstinted praise and commendation upon him, for his wise counsels and excellent administration of Grand Lodge affairs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is submitted by R.: W.: Brother Thomas Mowbray, and reviews sixty-five Jurisdictions, including Alabama—1905.

In Brother Mowbray's Concluding Remarks, he says that R.: W.: Bro., The Rev. A. P. Shalford and M.: W.: Bro. Senator Ross assisted in its preparation. Bro. Shalford reviewator Ross assisted in its preparation. Bro. Sshatford reviewing 28 volumes, and Bro. Ross reviewing a few. As a whole the work is first-class.

Alabama receives kindly, fraternal attention. The writer would express high appreciation of commendatory remarks personal to himself, as well as of courteous review of the Alabama Proceedings.

Bro. Charles R. Smith, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas Mowbray, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

97TH ANNUAL—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER, 1906.

Bro. Lewis P. Schaus, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Active Lodges, 507—Lodges represented at this Communication, 486—Number of members, 65,105—Net gain, 3,469.

When Grand Lodge was opened all the Grand Officers were found to be present, also fifteen Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master's address was strictly a business document, giving a clear account of his administration.

From his report on Necrology it is learned that, though the official ranks remained unbroken, 879 Brethren in the Jurisdiction had passed away. Especial mention was made of the demise of Bros. Brewton D. Babcock, John M. Stull and John Blyth.

During the year 83 special dispensations had been issued for various purposes.

Many requests had been made, but had been refused, some of the petitioners asking leave to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions, some, for leave to let other organizations use Lodge room, and some asking permission to make outside appeals for aid.

Dispensations had been granted for formation of four new Lodges. Two Lodges had been constituted, five Temples dedicated, and five corner-stones had been laid.

He (the Grand Master) had issued an edict strictly prohibiting so-called Masonic fairs, ostensibly held for the purpose of aiding in the erection of Masonic building—but really for the business profit of the promoter.

He submitted no decisions. All questions had been answered by reference to the Code.

Sometime since a trowel was sent out from a Lodge in New York City to go the round of Grand Jurisdictions, the object being to intensify Masonic principles and spread the cement of Masonic friendship. The Grand Master said that in May this trowel reached Ohio, being presented to the Masons of Ohio, at Toledo, by the Masons of Michigan. He said that the meeting was large and enthusiastic, and it was hoped that it would be productive of much good to the Craft.

The Grand Master had made visitations to the number of forty-six—no doubt, with profit to the Lodges visited. He acquaints us with the fact that, upon receipt of the intelligence that earthquake and fire had nearly destroyed San Francisco, the Ohio Masons went to work and raised the sum of \$10,209.60. After \$8,025.00 had been forwarded to Grand Master Flint, of California, the latter had requested that no more money be sent for the present.

The Grand Master recommends that the balance \$2,134.60 of the \$10,209.60 be set aside as a Special Fund for use in similar emergencies.

The action of the Ohio Masons for the relief of their California Brethren, was generous and noble.

The Deputy Grand Master made a brief report, to the effect that it had not been necessary for him to perform any official acts requiring any report, save his participation in the reception of the Traveling Trowel," referred to by the Grand Master. With the address of the Grand Master, this report was referred to the Committee on Topical Reference.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, October 5, 1906, was the sum of \$44,242.22.

The faithful and efficient Grand Secretary, Brother J. H. Bromwell had the pleasure of reporting that all the Subordinate Lodges save one had made their returns and paid their Grand Lodge dues.

From the Grand Secretary's Financial Statement we gather that the Grand Lodge of Ohio is in very good plight financially. Witness the following:

"Sources of Income, total.....\$51,373.11
"Sources of Expense, total.....48,613.23

"Net gain of Income over Expenses.....\$2,759.88

"The only indebtedness is the balance per capita to the Ohio Masonic Home, viz.: \$14,531.50.

"This balance deducted from the cash on hand will leave in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$29,710.72."

He estimates expenses for the coming year as—total—\$15,514.00. Deducting this estimate and balance due the Home, from balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, leaves in the Treasury \$14,196.72. He thinks it perfectly safe to continue last year's appropriation for the Home, viz.: \$6,000.00 for the General Fund, and \$6,000.00 for the Endowment Fund, as there would still be in the Treasury a balance of over \$2,000.00.

A Committee (special) on Conditional Dimits brought up a proposed amendment of the Code relating to Dimits, and moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. And it was so referred.

Charters were granted to three new Lodges.

The Committee on S. Stacker Williams Monument, reported the small amount raised for said object, and asked to be continued until such time as a much larger amount should be subscribed. Agreed to.

Most of the able report of the Jurisprudence Committee was upon matters which would not at present interest Alabama Brethren. But that portion of said report, which relates to the subject of dimits we present to our readers. The Committee recommended the following amendment to Section 25 of the Code:

"Section 25. A member may by consent of the Lodge, dimit and until he again affiliates he voluntarily renounces all claim to the benefit of Lodge organization. Such a member may, at any time within three years, not having joined any other Lodge, return such dimit to the Lodge granting it, pay the annual dues since the date of such dimit, and he may thereafter, if no charges have been preferred against him, be reinstated as a member of such Lodge, upon a secret ballot, if at least three-fourths of the members voting, shall consent to such reinstatement."

We raise no objection to such procedure in Ohio, but as we have said, and repeated heretofore, we favor unconditional admits, also unanimous ballot in favor of an applicant, to secure affiliation.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The report on Masonic History spurred up the Lodges on the subject of furnishing their histories to the Grand Body. The Committee regretted to report that only 101 Lodges had answered letters of inquiry respecting their past histories.

The lucid and judicious report of the Grievance Committee was adopted. One case, upon which the Committee reported, was substantially as follows: In a certain Lodge a candidate had been elected to receive the E. A. Degree, but objection was made by a member of said Lodge to the candidate's receiving said degree, and the objection was duly recorded. The same evening the objection was made, the objector was suspended n. p. d. After thus disposing of the objection, the Lodge proceeded to confer all three of the degrees on said candidate, at the same meeting, five Past Masters being present and justifying the proceeding.

"The Grand Master wisely and justly ordered all work in said Lodge suspended and that no further meeting of the Lodge should be held until action should be taken by this Grand Lodge."

The Committee recommended that the Worshipful Master and the Secretary (who is a Past Master) be deposed from office; that the Senior Warden take charge of the Lodge temporarily and appoint a Secretary *pro tem.* and at the first stated meeting in November next a W. M. and Secretary be elected and installed to fill said vacancies, and that the "incoming Grand Master administer to said Lodge such reprimand, as in his judgment the conditions require and deserve."

At next Annual a committee of nine will report a programme for the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Committee on Necrology made suitable report which was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Time and place for next Annual Communication—Canton, the third Wednesday in October, 1907.

The Annual Reports of the Officers of the Ohio Masonic Home, at Springfield, are headed by a cut of the beautiful and imposing edifice which forms the comfortable and commodious Home for Masons' widows and orphans. From the report of the Superintendent and Secretary it is learned that financial affairs are in good condition, as appear in the following figures:

"Balance of General Fund on hand, fiscal year ending July 31, 1906, \$2,263.55. Balance on hand, of the Endowment Fund, \$60,504.60. Amounts contributed by the Grand Bodies of Ohio, during 1905, total \$43,310.80. Total disbursements, \$38,279.80.

The average per capita cost of maintenance for the year, was the sum of \$182.45. Number of residents now on the rolls, 174—an increase of 14 over last year."

CORRESPONDENCE.

In a masterly report on Foreign Correspondence, M.: W.: Brother Wm. M. Cunningham, Chairman of the Corresponding Committee, presents a paper which is invaluable as a contribution to Masonic literature. In this report he reviews the Proceedings of all the Grand Bodies with which official, fraternal relations are sustained as well as several Grand Lodges which are not officially recognized. Among the former appears Alabama—1905, which is treated most fraternally. He will please allow the writer to express his gratitude for complimentary mention, which, whether deserved or not merited, greatly encourages the latter in his efforts to serve the Craft. It is a great pleasure to find ourselves so generally in accord with the eminent Ohio correspondent.

Instead of expliciting our own crude thoughts, we will give our readers a specimen of Bro. Cunningham's excellent work for the Craft, but it is to the exclusion of much very valuable matter for which we have not space. We extract from his Introduction the following portion of an article on Free Masonry in America:

"FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA."

"In the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence for last year a brief mention was made of the introduction of

Freemasonry in America, noting the claims of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts as to priority of its establishment in their respective jurisdictions, in which it is shown that a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was in existence in Pennsylvania as early as 1730—how or by whom warranted is unknown, but it is more than probable that its establishment was similar to that of many other Lodges organized prior to 1717 without Warrant, as subsequently required, but then deemed regular and lawful. This paper is, therefore, intended as supplementary to that of last year. As hitherto stated, the Proceedings of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1733 to 1792 show that in 1733 St. John's Grand Lodge (Modern) was established under the English Constitution by Henry Price, appointed Provincial Grand Master for New England in 1733 by Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England. Subsequently Henry Price was styled Provincial Grand Master of North America.

"In 1769 the Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge was established under the Scottish Constitutions by M.: W.: Bro. General Joseph Warren, appointed Provincial Grand Master by the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland. Subsequently M.: W.: Bro. Joseph Warren was made a Provincial Grand Master for North America by Patrick Earl of Dumfries, 'Grand Master Mason of Scotland,' in 1772.

"The Petition for the Provincial Grand Lodge established under Scottish Constitutions, was signed by the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 82, of the Registry of Scotland; Duke of York's Lodge, No. 106, of the Registry of Scotland, held in the 64th Regiment of Foot. Lodge No. 58, of the Registry of England, held in the 14th Regiment, and the 'Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodge No. 322, of the Registry of Ireland, held in 29th Regiment. The records and papers of the period show that these Grand Bodies were fully recognized and that the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts thereunder was fully occupied—and there is no record showing the infringement of jurisdiction of the Provincial Lodges by either the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Ireland. The establishment of Subordinate Lodges being a prerogative of the Provincial Grand Lodges, the establishment of any Lodge otherwise, unless with its consent or recommendation, would have been a Masonic courtesy, and an unwarranted infringement of jurisdiction.

"The claim of African Lodge to Masonic regularity in its establishment is therefore unwarranted, not only as to the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Bodies, but the Massachusetts Grand Lodge had already superseded and replaced the Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge by its pre-emption of the territory covered under the new order of things after the death of General Warren.

"It is claimed by the Prince Hall following that African Lodge was warranted in 1784, but it was not established until

1787 under its warrant. That its existence under its warrant was precarious and not a success, is in evidence, and that it was subsequently stricken from the roll of the Grand Lodge of England as a Lodge is not questioned. The retention of the Warrant and the subsequent establishment under it of a pretended Grand Lodge, now known as the so-called Prince Hall Grand Lodge, with *any* authority whatever therefor, is, in the opinion of your Committee, the merest pretense without a shadow even of proof.

"The death of General Warren having left the Massachusetts Grand Lodge (Provincial) without a head, on March 8, 1777, M.: W.: Bro. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, was elected to the Grand East, a full corps of Grand Officers were elected and thereafter acted as, and by its organization, became an Independent Grand Lodge, M.: W.: Bro. Webb serving as Grand Master until he installed his successor, M.: W.: Bro. Dr. John Warren, in January, 1783.

"In 1784 he was re-elected and served as Grand Master until his death in 1787, and was again succeeded by M.: W.: Bro. John Warren.

"Governor Hancock and other dignitaries of the Commonwealth at different times recognized and honored this Grand Body by attendance upon and participation in its St. John's Banquets and other public functions. Previous to its existence as an Independent Grand Lodge, Lodge No. 243, of His Majesty's Fifty-ninth Regiment, holding under the Irish Constitution, petitioned to be enrolled under the Massachusetts Grand Lodge which was granted.

"From time to time an effort was fruitlessly made for the union of the St. Johns Grand Lodge (Moderns), which had continued in joint occupancy of that Jurisdiction with the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

"In June, 1782, a committee was "Appointed to Draught Resolutions explanatory of the Powers & Authority of this Grand Lodge respecting the Extent & Meaning of its Jurisdiction and of the Exercise of any other Masonic Authorities within its Jurisdiction."

"In December, 1782, the committee appointed by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge submitted the following exhaustive report confirming its action and showing its regularity as a Grand Lodge:

"The Committee appointed to take into consideration the conduct of those brethren, who assumed the powers and prerogatives of a Grand Lodge on the Ancient Establishment in this Place, and Examine the Extent of their Authority & Jurisdiction, together with the powers of any other Ancient Masonic Institution within the Same; Beg leave to Report the Result of their Examination founded on the following facts, Viz.:

"That in consequence of a Petition from a number of Brethren of this Town to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a Charter was granted them under the name of St. Andrews Lodge, by

the Most W^m & Rt Hon'ble Sholto, Charles Douglass, Lord Aberdour, and that by Means of a subsequent Petition of the said St. Andrews Lodge, a Commission was made out & presented from the Most W^m & Rt Hon'ble George, Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland, to the late Most W^m Joseph Warren, Esq., constituting and Appointing him Provincial G. M. of the Ancient & Hon'ble Society of the Free and Accepted Masons, with Power of granting Charters of Erection within One Hundred Miles of this Metropolis, but that during the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in form & manner thus Appointed, three Lodges only were constituted by the authority thereof. That the Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted to our Late Grand Master Joseph Warren, Esq' having died with him and of course his Deputy whose Appointment was derived from his Nomination being no longer in existence, they saw themselves without a Head, & Without a Single Grand Officer, and of course it was evident that not Only the Grand Lodge, but all the particular Lodges under its Jurisdiction must Cease to Assemble, the Brethren be dispersed, the Pennyless go unassisted, the Craft Languish & Ancient masonry be extinct in this Part (of the) World. That in Consequence of a Summons from the former Grand Wardens to the Masters & Wardens of all the Regular Constituted Lodges, a Grand Communication was held, to Consult and Advise on some Means to preserve the Intercourse of the Brethren. That the Political Head of this Country having destroyed All connection & Correspondence between the Subjects of these States & the Country from which the Grand Lodge originally derived its Commissioned Authority, and the Principles of the Craft inculcating on its professors Submission to the Commands of the Civil Authority of the Country they Reside in, the Brethren did Assume an Elective Supremacy, & under it Chose a Grand Master & Grand Officers, and Erected a Grand Lodge with Independent Powers & Perogatives, to be exercised however, on principles consistent with, & Subordinate to the Regulations pointed out in the Constitution of Ancient Masonry. That the Reputation & Utility of the Craft under their Jurisdiction has been most Extensively diffused by the Flourishing State of *fourteen* Lodges, Constituted by their Authority, within a shorter Period, than that in which *three Only* received Dispensations under the former Grand Lodge.

"That in the History of our Craft we find, that in England there are Two Grand Lodges independent of each other, In Scotland the Same, and in Ireland their Grand Lodge and Grand Master are Independent of either England or Scotland. 'Tis clear that the Authority of some of these Grand Lodges originated in Assumption, or otherwise they would Acknowledge the Hand from whence they Derived. Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Resolutions of the said Present Grand Lodge, were dictated by Principles of the Clearest Necessity, founded in the Highest Reasons and Warranted by Precedents of the most approved Authority.

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend to be Adopted by this Grand Lodge, & to be ingrafted into its Constitution.

"1st Resolved, That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge in Assuming the Powers & Perogatives of an Independent Grand Lodge, Acted on the Most laudable Motives and Consistently with the Principles which ought forever to govern Masons, the Benefit of the Craft & the good of Mankind; and are warranted in their Proceedings, by the Practice of Ancient Masons in All Ages of the World.

"2nd Resolved, That this Grand Lodge be forever hereafter known & Called by the name of the MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT MASONS, and, that it is free and Independent in its Government & Official Authority of any other Grand Lodge, or Grand Master in the Universe.

"3rd Resolved, That the Sovereign Power & Authority of the said Grand Lodge, be Continued to Extend throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to Any of the United States, where none shall be erected over such Lodges only as this Grand Lodge shall there Constitute.

"4th Resolved, That the Grand Master, for the time being, be desired to Call in all the Charters which were held under the Jurisdiction of the late Grand Master Joseph Warren Esq' and Return the same with an Endorsement thereon, Expressive of their Voluntary Recognition of the Power and Authority of this Grand Lodge.

"5th Resolved, That no Person or Persons ought or can (consistently with the Rules of Ancient Masonry and the Good Order of the Craft) use or Exercise the Powers or Perogatives of An Ancient Grand Master or Grand Lodge, to wit, to give Power to Erect Lodges of Ancient Masonry, Make Masons, appoint Superior or Grand Officers, Receive dues, or do any thing which belongs to the Powers or Perogatives of An Ancient Grand Lodge within any part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Right full and Appropriated Limits to which the authority of this Grand Lodge forever hereafter Extends."

"Sign'd

Perez Morton,
Paul Revere,
John Warren,
James Avery."

"The general recognition extended to this Grand Lodge is shown in an official communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in August, 1780, to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge in relation to the proposed election of 'His Excellency, General George Washington,' as 'Grand Master General for the Thirteen United American States,' and 'Requesting the Opinion and Approbation of this Grand Lodge thereon.' Action on the nomination made by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was subsequently postponed 'until a General Peace shall happily take place thro' the Continent.'

"The following excerpts from the very interesting address of the Eminent Brother Josiah Bartlett, delivered 'on the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 5790,' are especially corroborative of the regularity of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, *viz.*:

"The political events of the year 5775 produced important changes in the state of Masonry. These were no other than the heroic death of the Grand Master, on the celebrated heights of Charlestown, & a temporary dispersion of the Grand Officers."

"How to assemble the Grand Lodge with regularity, was now made a serious question, as the commission of the *Grand Master* had died with *him*, & the deputy had no power independent of his nomination & appointment. Communications for the consideration of this subject, were held at different times untill the 8th of March, 5777, when, experiencing the necessity of preserving an intercourse of the brethren, & the want of a proper establishment, to soften the rigours of an active & distressing war, they proceeded to the formation of an *independent Grand Lodge*, with powers & prerogative to be exercised on principles consistent with & subordinate to, the regulations pointed out in the *constitutions* of ancient Masonry. And our late *Worthy & Most Worshipfull Brother Joseph Webb Esquire*, whose amiable deportment & fidelity in the duties of his important office, now claim our grateful remembrance, was duly elected *Grand Master* & proceeded to install his Officers & organize the *Grand Lodge*.

"The flourishing state of the *craft* will be readily acknowledged when we consider that no less than fifteen Lodges were erected from this time to the festival of St. John the Baptist 5783, when our *most worshipfull Brother John Warren esquire*, whose brilliant qualifications are too well known & too universally acknowledged, to need encomiums, was placed in the Chair of Solomon.

"It was about this period, when the Grand Lodge 'Warranted in their proceedings, by the practice of ancient Masons in all ages of the world' after the most serious deliberation, proceeded to pass resolutions, explanatory of its *title, authority, and Jurisdiction*, which with its laws & regulations, were engraffed into the constitutions & order'd to be transmitted to other *Grand Lodges*, requesting such correspondence from time to time, as would promote a friendly intercourse & advance the happiness of the Craft Universal.'

"The Proceedings of a Convention held at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, in Boston, March 10th, 1785, over which Paul Revere presided, for the purpose of calling a General Convention of 'Delegates from all Ancient Lodges of Free and Accepted' from within that Commonwealth and from all other Ancient Lodges of Free Masons in other of the American States, holding Right under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in the late Province, or now Commonwealth of Massachusetts,' is of much interest in this connection.

"The meetings of the Grand Lodge were regularly held with but few, if any, omissions, and the St. Johns day celebrated with the usual observances.

"From 1787 an earnest effort was made to merge the St. Johns Grand Lodge with the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and in 1792 the two Grand Lodges were united under its present title.

"The foregoing from the records of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should—without other documentary evidence which might be adduced—be sufficient to show that the commonwealth of Massachusetts was pre-occupied Masonic Territory prior to the issue in 1784 of a Warrant to African Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England, and its reception, *three years later*, by that body.

"After its establishment in 1777, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge issued Warrants for the establishment of Subordinate Lodges in New Hampshire, Connecticut, and other unoccupied territory, and was recognized as a regular Grand Lodge by other Grand Bodies."

Bro. Horace A. Irvin, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. H. Bromwell, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

15TH ANNUAL—GUTHRIE—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Bro. Fred D. Sparks, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Chartered Lodges, Jan. 31, 1907, 140—Number of Lodges U. D., same date, 20—Members, December 31, 1906, 7,978—Net gain for the year, 1,052.

During the year eight Special Communications were held—six for laying corner-stones, and two for dedicating Lodge halls.

Our Oklahoma Brethren, copying after Maryland, no doubt, when they assemble proceed thus: the Deputy Grand Master congregates the Grand Lodge; then he announces that the Grand Master is in waiting, whereupon the two Grand Deacons retire to the ante-room, and returning, escort the Grand Master to the Grand East, where he is received by the Brethren with the Grand Honors.

Well, Brothers, if you like it, we do not object.

Announcement having been made that a quorum was present,

the Annual Grand Communication was opened in Ample Form.

From the Grand Master's address we learn that fifteen Lodges had been constituted, eighteen Lodges U. D. had been formed, nineteen special dispensations granted—eleven of these being to confer degrees out of time; and one dispensation for "laying corner-stone of opera house and hotel" refused.

The Grand Master had suspended the Charter of _____ Lodge No.—, on account of apparently irreconcilable animosities of the two factions into which the Lodge was divided. Said action was probably the best, as the Lodge, under prevailing conditions, was not doing any good.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, the Charter of said Lodge remains under arrest until such time as the members of said Lodge can satisfy the Grand Master that they are ready to work in harmony.

Recurring to the address of the Grand Master, we therefrom learn that the Oklahoma Brethren contributed nearly \$1,000.00 to aid in relieving the California sufferers by the earthquake and fire April 18, 1906,. A most creditable donation.

Under the head, "Decisions", we find twenty-four rulings reported, and are impressed with the evident determination of the author to do full justice to all parties concerned; and we take for granted that these rulings conform to the laws and usages of his Jurisdiction. At the instance of the Committee on Distribution, they were referred to the Committee on Law and Usage. Turning to the report of that Committee we find a consideration of *forty-three* decisions.

Suffice it here to say that the large majority of the rulings were approved.

The subject of "Consolidation with Grand Lodge of Indian Territory" occupies about seven and one-half pages of this volume. The best of feeling seems to prevail in both Grand Jurisdictions, and there appears to be a strong likelihood that the two Bodies will be amalgamated under the style of "The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma." That this Grand Body, made of these two flourishing Grand Lodges, will take an influential position in the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, goes without saying.

The Grand Master had made eight official visitations to Lodges, and one, to Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

Before concluding his address, he made acknowledgment of valuable assistance rendered by his associates, particularly by the Grand Secretary.

The Credentials Committee reported ten Past Grand Masters in attendance, as well as fifteen Grand Representatives.

The Grand Secretary, in his carefully prepared report, put the Home Fund assets at the following figures: \$27,361.91.

February 1, 1907, the Grand Treasurer's balance was \$9,-438.40.

M.: W.: Bro. W. S. Eagleton Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund, made an extended report, detailing the work done during the year, in the interest of said Fund. The zealous efforts of Bro. Eagleton in that regard cannot be too highly commended.

The Shriners of Oklahoma City have promised the Home Fund 25 per cent. of their net proceeds for the year 1907. That was a generous offer. When the "Nobles" open their hearts to such a beneficent cause, despite the toils and privations of their arid pilgrimage, we cannot withhold our praise of their charitable conduct.

Past Grand Master, W. M. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported that the Committee had completed its report, and that it was in the hands of the printer. The report of the Committee "was accepted, approved and adopted," and the Committee was instructed to have the same printed with the "Proceedings."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had rather a full docket. With slight amendment the report was adopted.

Charters were granted to eighteen Lodges U. D. One Lodge was continued under dispensation, having but eight Master Masons.

On motion it was resolved that the compiling and printing of the Constitution, By-Laws and Decisions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with the request that said compilation be finished as speedily as possible.

Next Grand Communication will be at Guthrie.

We excerpt from the short but excellent address of the Grand Orator, M.: W.: Geo. W. Clark, while as follows he speaks of Freemasonry:

"The supreme motive underlying it is twofold; the adoration of Deity and the exaltation of humanity. It has always held a most worshipful attitude toward God and a loving ministry for man. In an age when science and speculation would resolve creation into a bewildering riddle, when scholars would mutilate the Bible and question its authenticity, Masonry places the latter upon her altar and recognizes it as one of the great lights, and announces to a doubting age that God is a personal power, the creator, judge and ruler of all life, and ultimate end of all knowledge and worthy of all worship. Its mission is to enlarge human hope, to broaden human intelligence, and elevate human desires. It is the architect of character, and its principles and tenets at all times appeal to man's noblest impulses. It teaches that the true prayer a mortal man can offer to Deity, is to lift a burden from another's heart and wipe the tear from the eye of sorrow, and that instead of trying to get into some imaginary paradise beyond the stars, we should endeavor to get more of heaven into us. As thus viewed is it not entitled to our earnest support and its teachings to an exemplification in our lives?

"Freemasonry has a language peculiar to itself, for the art of expression is not limited to words and speech. The hieroglyphics which expressed the language of the Toltecs and Aztecs are unintelligible to us. The key has been lost and their interpretation is only a speculation, but the monuments which they built and the remains of civilization and culture which they left, will never cease to tell the story of their marvellous life and work. These monuments of antiquity, the conquests of the middle ages and the glory of the civilization of the present day, are all milestones along the march of human development, and indicate the long strides of the world in this the most sublime of all studies: the advancement of humanity. The language that Freemasonry will speak to future ages will be in renewed characters, in enlarged conceptions, in concentrated benevolences, in organized charities, and in the attractive forces of social and domestic life. While much of our symbolism has to do with death, we do not recognize death. Ancient craft Masonry opens the door of hope for all the struggling sons of men and, while Egypt has sent down to us her stupendous monuments of death, we shall transmit to future ages the sprig of acacia, thrice beautific emblem of immortality and life."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Past Grand Master W. M. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee. The report is a concise synopsis of the Proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, with, for the most part, mere mention of the names of the correspondents.

We regret that Alabama was not included in the list of Grand Lodges, whose proceedings were reviewed.

Bro. Earl Beebe, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. James S. Hunt, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

57TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 108—all making returns, and all but one paying their dues—Membership, May 1, 1907, 8,085—Net gain 411.

Bro. W. T. Williamson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

The frontispiece of this volume, a portrait of Grand Master Williamson, presents an attractive face.

The M.: W.: Grand Master being in the Chair, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Tuesday, January 12, 1907, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Grand Representatives to the number of thirty-seven were received and welcomed according to custom. We note that while our highly esteemed Brother John B. Christian, of Uniontown, represents Oregon near our Grand Lodge, the space for Alabama, in the Oregon list of her Grand Representatives, is vacant.

The goodly number of seventeen Past Grand Masters answered roll-call at this Communication.

The Grand Master's address was a carefully prepared, thoughtful paper, imbued with an excellent spirit, faithful to the trust reposed in him. Reporting his official acts, he announced the laying of two corner-stones, the granting of twelve special dispensations—eight of these for waiving time in bal-

loting and acting on petitions for the degrees; the refusal of one dispensation because of objection from adjacent territory, and because some of the petitioners favored withdrawal of the petition; also the constituting of 2 Lodges.

Having received a communication from the Grand Master of Washington, asking opinion as to concurrent action by the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington in reference to making an amicable agreement as to modification of the barrier set by state lines relative to residents living near the border, he suggested consideration of the matter by Grand Lodge.

He ruled that a man with his left arm cut off at the wrist was ineligible for the degrees.

He also ruled that it was not necessary for Brethren, holding dimits from an outside Jurisdiction, to become members of an Oregon Lodge, to qualify them to petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge.

Again he decided, in the case of a Lodge member suspended n. p. d., who during said suspension had become crippled, for life, in his right hand, that such misfortune did not disqualify him for reinstatement.

We quote his "conclusion", mainly because it emphasizes the importance of official visitations. He said:

"In conclusion, I approach the end of my official year with two principal regrets. The duty so imperfectly discharged because of being so unexpectedly hampered in devoting time to it, as the first; and secondly the termination of the unusual opportunities of being in contact with the Brethren, a source of so much pleasure and profit to me. And surely if the proper persons be secured, inestimable benefit to the several Lodges throughout the state can be secured by official visits. The stimulus to Masonic education must not be neglected, for ours is a progressive science and energies of the student must not be permitted to lag. Work simply begins with proficiency in the ritualistic ceremonials; a nobler and infinitely more sublime purpose lies beyond, invitingly beckoning us ever onward. And while this must ever be done by the individual each for himself and between himself and the God of Immortality, let us now proceed in this Annual Communication to lay well our plans in furtherance of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, upon which can well be builded the human part of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

June 12, 1907, the balance in the Grand Treasury was the comfortable sum of \$18,512.05. In the hands of Grand Treasurer, and Custodian of Ed. Fund, same date, total of the two funds \$30,304.15.

Grand Secretary Bro. Jas. F. Robinson reported that all the Lodges had made their reports and paid their dues up to May 1, 1907. Very satisfactory.

As usual, the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, was presented the First Day, and was adopted, and ordered bound with the Proceedings.

It is true that the report had been printed and distributed; therefore Grand Lodge was, to a degree, prepared to vote on its adoption. Grand Lodge taking upon itself responsibility for the report, imposes a heavy task upon the reviewer. However if any one is equal to the task of meeting such emergency Brother Hodson is.

Courtesies were exchanged, by wire, with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The Grand Orator's discourse leaves the well worn path of discussion upon the antiquity of our Mystic Fraternity, to deal with its present influence upon the minds and hearts of men. He has sown seed which, falling on good ground, should grow up and yield abundant fruit of wholesome nutriment.

To the writer's mind the granting of a Charter for a Past Master's Lodge would seem much like sanctioning an innovation. We refer to the petition of fourteen P. M.'s for a Lodge Charter.

On recommendation of the Correspondence Committee recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Valle de Mexico.

On recommendation of the same Committee, the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Italy to participate in the celebration of Bro. Joseph Garibaldi's natal day, was courteously and fraternally declined.

The petition of fourteen P. M.'s for a Charter having been referred to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, said Committee reported thereon as follows:

"Your committee on Law and Jurisprudence to whom was referred the petition of fourteen Past Masters for a Charter to organize a Lodge of Past Masters at Portland, Oregon, report:

"That your committee have duly considered the petition and are of the opinion that before granting such a Charter it would be necessary to amend Section 4 of Article 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which forbids a Master Mason being a member of more than one Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

"Your committee has nothing but praise to express for the objects alleged to have actuated your petitioners to make this application, but are of the opinion that they can be carried out equally as effective by the organization of a Past Master's Association.

'Furthermore, this Grand Lodge has not adopted or approved a ritual or ceremony to be used in conferring the degree of Past Master, and the thought suggests itself to your committee that if an association of Past Masters is organized they might formulate a ritual or ceremony to be used at the conferring of the Past Masters degree and submit the same to this Grand Lodge for approval and adoption." Adopted.

The same Committee reported on the Grand Master's decisions and dispensations as follows:

"Your committee on Law and Jurisprudence, too whom were referred those portions of the Grand Master's address referring to Discussions and Dispensations, having considered the same, recommend that they be approved by this Grand Lodge."

(Brother Hodson, rap that p. d. on the knuckles for putting it "Discussions.")

We wonder how the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence relished the reference of its report recommending non-approval of the action of the Lodge which changed its name. By some, the reports of Jurisprudence Committees are thought to be beyond criticism. We are, however, not of the "some."

Under the heading, "A Memorable Episode," we note a visit to Grand Lodge by a party of Washingtonians headed by M.W.: Grand Master Ralph C. McAllaster, of that Jurisdiction. Addresses of welcome and response were greatly enjoyed. Brother J. M. Hodson, who is ever ready, offered thereupon an eloquent resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

The Special Committee on Condition of the Work reported the present system of dissemination of the work, unsatisfactory, and recommended the appointment of a Grand Lecturer

at a salary of \$100.00 per month and traveling expenses while engaged at work. Subsequently a resolution was adopted, applauding the "Committee on Custodian and Uniformity of Work", but expressing belief that the proposed change was too radical to meet acceptance at this time, and recommending that the Committee be discharged.

A resolution looking toward the establishment of a Masonic Home was referred to the Finance Committee; then referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but the latter Committee being absent, action on the subject was deferred until next Annual.

We have omitted mention of several matters of importance in this volume, but must hasten on to pay the Oregon reviewer a flying visit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master John M. Hodson is still firmly seated on the reportorial tripod (long may he continue to show and inform his Brethren from that vantage point) and, on 169 pages, reviews the Proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges.

There is so much in this fine report which we would like to notice, that we must just quote some of his remarks under Alabama, and his very forcible "Conclusion," as well as his pertinent reply to Brother Macdonald of Indiana respecting the wearing of the Apron.

Under Alabama—1906, he approvingly quotes Acting Grand Master Ben. M. Jacobs on the Mission of Masonry. Of the latter's fifteen decisions he says:

"He reported fifteen decisions, all but the one quoted, being easily understood and along general lines or under local law, but as the following makes no mention of the constituting of the Lodge under Charter we scarcely know what to do with it."

Then he quotes the decision referred to, which ruled that the Lodge U. D., having been granted a Charter, had the right to elect officers at its first regular meeting thereafter, or as soon as practicable. The omission to state that the Lodge had been constituted, it seems, was the cause of Brother Hodson's dilemma. He refers, approvingly, we infer, to our Grand Mas-

ter's efforts on behalf of the establishment of a Home.

(At this writing, we have the satisfaction of stating that conspicuously through the untiring work of Grand Master Jacobs, a Home is now assured.)

He says:

"We note that the Grand Lodge is chartered by the legislature of the state, and that there are several limitations regarding its rights and privileges among which are, that it can not own more than thirty acres of land nor accumulate exceeding \$200,000 worth of property, and we presume that their cumbersome methods of amending their Laws by having to submit all such questions to the Lodges to vote yes or no upon belongs to the same class of limitations. A committee was proposed but not appointed to attend the legislature and request several amendments to their charter. We do not fancy any such methods, but life is too short to attempt giving an old Grand Lodge like Alabama any advice; but we don't do business that way on the Pacific Coast.

"There was quite a lot of routine business, but it was all promptly disposed of with apparent harmony.

"Bro. W. Y. Titcomb comes up smiling with 269 pages of choice Review, of the doings of the Masonic World. It is very complete and instructive. Oregon comes in for more than our share of space, being reviewed for both 1905 and 1906, in the most courteous manner, and for kindly personals we return thanks and doff our cap, but all the same we are pleased to have his endorsement of nearly all our positions and opinions. We had remarked that cripples had better join the Masons before the accident, else go to Missouri, to which he replies:

"Some of our Brethren of the Guild will have their fling at the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Well, there is a saying which runs thus: 'He laughs best who laughs last.'

"Indeed we had no intention of joking on facts. We hold the Grand Lodge of Missouri in high esteem, but admit that we abominate some of her practices, among which is her making Masons out of Artificial Men, which we consider absolutely contrary to the Ancient and what should be Modern Law, and more, even with the countenance and support of so great a Grand Lodge as Missouri we do not think it will ever become general usage, hence we think we'll get a laugh both best and last.

"We failed to note in the proper place that Alabama recognized the new Grand Lodge of Alberta and continued Mexico on the waiting list, but this action was in accord with Bro. Titcomb's conclusion and we heartily endorse. Although the printer had caused a slight muddle in Bro. Titcomb's expression concerning the applicant for Masonry who could neither read

nor write he corrects it this time and is really sound on that, as on almost all other propositions. He very properly supposed that we quoted St. James on Religion by memory. Well we got the meaning all right, even if the words did slightly vary from the text. He quotes our remarks and says: Very well put, but

— “Dear Brother, lie down and rest your ‘weary’ self. All the same, ‘handmaid’ will do for ordinary run of people like the writer.”

“We do not happen to be weary; nor shall we ever cease to claim that Masonry in its symbols and teachings covers not only the most Ancient, but the most simple and perfect Religion, ever taught among men. If you reduce ‘Religion’ to the low plane of belief in certain doctrines and creeds then we would take back our statements, but if the great fundamentals ‘God and Immortality’ coupled with our recognition of both and the practice of all the virtues taught by Masonry does not constitute real Religion, we confess we are unable to know what the word means; besides it never had any such handmaids any way. We hold Masonry equal to any system of thought ever devised by Man, with the Assistance of all the Spirit forces by which Man is surrounded, and far superior to many philosophies which have had thousands of followers, therefore thus believing we can not do otherwise than to deny the “handmaid” thought which reduces us to less than an equal in the battles for supremacy of good over evil, and the establishing of the pure worship of Divine Wisdom.

“Of another matter he says of us:

“Under Nebraska he agrees with Bro. Phelps ‘that Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the Supreme Masonic Law of the Jurisdiction.’

“We respectfully dissent. We should have some check upon Grand Lodge. We refer proposed amendments to the organic law, back to the Lodges; if the requisite number of Lodges approve the change, Grand Lodge can act upon the same. We object to excessive centralization of power.”

“We think we have somewhere heard about landmarks, about certain Ancient usages, so old that no history nor record tells when they were adopted, and that all officers of Lodges or Grand Lodges have solemnly agreed that it is not within the power of any man or body of men to alter. We believe that Masons of today are as loyal to them as the Fathers, and we further believe that the coming generations of Masons will be as loyal as we are. The purpose of a Grand Lodge is to labor for the good of the Craft, and to do this it must have power to live up to its convictions as to what is best. And the idea that a lot of intelligent Masons should adopt a constitution that neither themselves nor their successors can change, whenever circumstances make it desirable, or that one Lodge

refusing to recommend a petition for a new Lodge can defeat the measure when every body knows it ought to be established, to our mind approaches the absurd.

"He copies the remarks of Bro. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, made upon our assertion that the teachings of the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, so far as Masonic principles are concerned, are the same, and says he does so hoping 'to be enlightened respecting the facts in the case.' We would be glad to accommodate the Brother, but the space of a Correspondence Report is not sufficient to permit. Go join the Scottish Rite, then you will understand what it teaches from the Fourth to the Thirty-second Degrees, then visit some of the Louisiana Lodges which still use the Scottish Rite ritual in the three degrees, and you will have the whole proposition in a nutshell, and you will realize that our statements are true.

"There are many points mentioned by this thoughtful writer that we would be more than pleased to take up and discuss, but space limits will not permit our harvesting the entire crop, it is too large for the capacity of our barn."

We have quoted thus fully from Brother H. in order to do him justice. But all the same our opinion concerning Masonry and the church of the Divine God, remain unchanged. We place the church, ordained by the S. A. O. T. U. first.

He thus replies to Brother Macdonald of Indiana:

It is said by tradition that in the days when the "Ancient Masters" flourished, the elementary principles of material substance were believed to consist of earth, air, fire and water, and these being equal, formed a perfect square; that the great forces of the universe were believed to be creative, destructive and preservative, and these being equal, formed a perfect equilateral triangle. In the ceremonies white was the emblem of innocence, worn by their initiates, and their badge was formed by using the square for the body, the triangle for the flap or bib. The square denoting material substance, the triangle Deity, and being hung at the top of the square denoted that God presided over all material substance, and when white and so arranged it became the emblem of innocence, and was adopted as the badge of a Mason. All the variations of wearing can only designate the degree to which the wearer has attained. The Masonic apron is purely emblematic, and no one presumes for a moment that it in any way resembles the aprons worn by the laborers upon King Solomon's Temple, or any other Temple, ritual to the contrary notwithstanding. Masonry as it exists today is heir to all the philosophies and symbols of the Ancient Egyptian, Elusinian, Grecian and Esselian mysteries, and teaching principles and duties by symbols and parables is as old as development in its earliest stages, and when speculative Masonry grew out of the Ancient Operative system, It

preserved many of the symbols and changed their explanations to suit their more modern conceptions.

We have so spun out our report that Brother Hodson's "Conclusion" must be left out.

Bro. Lat. L. Pearce, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Jas. F. Robinson, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

ANNUAL GRAND—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER, 1906.

This portly volume, embellished with engravings of the magnificent Temple in Philadelphia, Grand Master Kendrick, Brother Benjamin Franklin, and Past Grand Master Geo. M. Dallas, presents a very attractive appearance, its execution in the highest style of the printer's art being a benediction to an octogenarian's eyesight.

Number of Lodges, 456—Members, 75,273—Increase during the year, 4,024.

Bro. Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., R.: W.: Grand Master.

The volume before us contains records of the proceedings at the Quarterlies of March, June, September and December, also of the Annual Grand Communication, Dec. 27, 1906.

At the March Quarterly, a notable event was the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Franklin's birth-day. By the way, we take this occasion to express our high appreciation of the splendid gift of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge in the shape of a Franklin memorial volume, most artistically executed, seemingly regardless of cost. Our grateful thanks are hereby returned for the copy sent to us.

The attention of the June Quarterly was mostly taken up by reports of the Committee on Appeals.

On recommendation of the Correspondence Committee, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The R.: W.: Grand Master made announcement of the terrible San Francisco disaster, and stated that he had issued a circular to the Lodges soliciting their contributions of relief.

How generous the response was, will be recognized at sight of his statement of the amount contributed by the Pennsylvania Brethren. It is as follows: \$43,462.15. That is real Masonry.

Several pages in the records of their Communications are filled with statements of the various funds in Grand Lodge's possession, including sums so large as to almost make our head swim.

The following securities will show how financially able the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is.—General Fund—securities on deposit—the sum of \$81,261.95. Thos. Singleton Bequest, \$108,369.89. Girard Bequest, \$68,000.00 (par value). Thos. S. Patton Charity Fund, \$110,092.08. Memorial Fund for Orphan Children, \$33,465.48. The sum total of all funds is \$2,571,129.84.

At the Annual, Dec. 27th, the Committee on Correspondence submitted its annual report which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The same committee made a special report, recommending that the applications of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico, and Grand Lodge of Alpina (Suise) for fraternal recognition, be refused; giving what were deemed good reasons for both refusals.

The Committee on Memorial Volume of the Bi-Centenary Celebration of Franklin's natal day reported performance of its duties, and asked to be discharged. Request granted. 2,000 numbered copies of that expensive book were printed and distributed.

The R.: W.: Grand Master announced the death of Brother George W. Hall, a veteran in the service of the Fraternity, and memorial addresses on the same were made.

In the opening of the Grand Master's address we are pleased to read the following:

"With an absolute loyalty to, and deep veneration for all of our Ancient Landmarks, I have determined that experience justified some slight changes in the interpretation of their inscriptions.

"In the belief that uniformity of symbols as well as prin-

ciples in all Jurisdictions is vital to the success of our Fraternity, I have restored the display of lights upon the Bible on the altar. This is a feature in most all of our sister jurisdictions, and until within a comparatively short time was one essential part of our work. Without any explanation due care in its exposition was diminished and then ignored, and I trust this emphasis upon the subject will be sufficient to stimulate among the Craft an interest in this instructive and educational work. The importance of the lights would be better appreciated if Brethren became proficient in explaining their uses and advantages."

He had restored the use of instrumental music during the conferring of degrees, with however proper limitations. He had directed that the use of intoxicants should be eliminated from any entertainments within the Temple and from all Masonic entertainments within the Jurisdiction. He rejoiced at the practically unanimous approval of this action, shown by the Craft.

The Grand Master, with justifiable pride, mentions the dedication of the magnificent "William S. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls." A grand and most worthy beneficence.

He had, in person, visited every one of the 77 Lodges in Philadelphia, and six outside the city.

We trust to be pardoned for respectfully intimating that the small, outlying Lodges, probably needed his presence more than did those of the metropolis.

Eighteen special dispensations had been granted. None of these were for waiving time in conferring degrees. In Pennsylvania they don't do that sort of thing.

We note a few of the R.: W.: Brother's decisions, as follows:

"The use of a typewriter for recording the minutes of a Masonic Lodge is prohibited."

"Cubes are not permitted to be used in a ballot."

"Subordinate Lodges are not permitted to correspond with Lodges in other Jurisdictions."

"All communications relating to matters in other Jurisdictions must be by the medium of the several Grand Masters thereof." We do not concur.

"In the absence of all three principal officers, a Lodge cannot be opened except by the Grand Master, or by some one deputized by him, to act in that capacity."—Alabama Law.

I have decided that no Brother could be elected Worshipful Master of a Lodge who is not a citizen of the United States."

Under the heading, "New Lodges," the Grand Master says:

"Eight new Lodges of active Brethren were created during the present year with the brightest prospects."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (248 pp.) reviewing sixty-three Grand Lodge "Proceedings," is, as usual, presented by Brother James M. Lambertson, Chairman of the Committee. R.: W.: Bro. Eggleston of Virginia calls him "an able and industrious reviewer" who "improves like old wine." (Wonder if Bro. E. alluded to "Nutty Maderia?") But we would fain add to our Virginia Brother's characterization of Bro. Lambertson, the words, "courteous and considerate."

In his introductory sentences, he, with good judgment says:

"The requirements of documentary evidence of good standing has been adopted in a very considerable number of Jurisdictions, and our Brethren who are likely to desire to visit outside Jurisdictions will do well to take with them a Grand Lodge certificate and the receipt for this year's dues."

"We think the requirement of documentary evidence in all cases, is not a wise one. The party who will try to gain admittance improperly to a Masonic Lodge will hardly hesitate at forgery, or the use of papers belonging to another, if he can get possession of them."

Alabama—1905 receives five pages of kindly, fraternal notice, a little over two and one-half pages being generously accorded to the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence. Brother Lambertson's complimentary comment thereon is gratefully appreciated.

He says of Grand Master H. H. Matthews' address:

"The annual address of the Grand Master is a very full account of his stewardship and is confined to the affairs of his own Jurisdiction strictly, excepting his record of the "Fraternal Dead in other Jurisdictions," in which mention is made of the loss we sustained in the death of Past Grand Master Wagner."

Brother Lambertson judiciously summarizes our proceedings. While he does not quite agree with the writer in re-

gard to the impropriety of according immediate recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, he does, to our satisfaction, agree on several matters, such as "conditional dimits; discipline for 'gross irregularities' in office; that Lodge halls should be used exclusively for Masonic purposes," &c.

He does not attempt to answer our inquiry as to "the authority for saying that Hiram A. was an old man." facetiously but hospitably he says:

"When Brother Titcomb comes to see us, we shall remember that 'his'n is' nutty Madeira."

Should such good fortune as a visit to the "City of Brotherly Love" ever befalls us, we should depend upon our esteemed Brother to be shown through that magnificent Temple.

Under Canada, he quotes Brother Robertson's reply to the following: "Your committee believe it to be a well-settled rule that in organizing a Grand Lodge at least a majority of the Lodges existing in the territory should give their consent to the new organization," and the reply is as follows: "We may inform our good brethren of Massachusetts that that rule is not 'well-settled,' that there is no such rule, and that there never was such a rule."

Now, for our own part, we used that term "rule"—carefully perhaps—in the same connection. This we may frankly admit; nevertheless, though not a "rule" stated in terms, it is a "well settled sentiment, and one that is peculiarly American, that the majority should rule.

Prefacing that the following expresses our own feelings, we excerpt, under Connecticut:

"We can assure our Brother that we do *not* favor a General Grand Body, and do not quite see why Brother Barlow should think we did. What we did agree with, was 'may the time never come, and may the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge be a dream forever,' &c."

Under Virginia we find the following which we extract in justice to Brother Lamberton. (We have before us "pages 125-127" of the Sesqui Centennial Memorial Volume, and fail to find any intended slight therein, upon Virginia Masonry.) Here is the extract:

"When he frankly takes back to all the world his absurd slight on Virginia Masonry as to Washington we will resume saying the nice things we have been storing up for two years, based on his work in other respects."

"We said last year that we were amused and surprised at our Brother's great excitement as to Washington's being a Virginia Mason, a fact we at no time questioned, and as to his connection with Pennsylvania. We gave the facts, which we obtained after much search, and, as we stated in our report last year, which it is to be remembered Brother Eggleston had not seen when he reviewed our Proceedings for 1904, we thought and still think we were justified in the statement we then made.

"The absurd slight on Virginia Masonry is a figment of our Brother's excited brain, and until his excitement dies away we have only two remarks to make. First, as it is not pleasant to have statements misrepresented, we ask our fellow Correspondents who have the Memorial Volume of our Washington Celebration, to consult pages 125-127, of that book, after reading about our undertaking, as Brother Eggleston states it, 'to explain Washington having been initiated at 20 years of age, by *Pennsylvania* custom,' and looking at what we did say on page 394 of our 1904 Report. Second, Brother Eggleston has failed to prove his assertion that Washington 'was in the following December (1788) elected and served as Master for another year,' (*italics ours*) which service we asked him to prove, for the following reasons:

"(a) Washington was not returned as a Past Master of Alexandria Lodge in the returns which it made in December, 1790, Washington having died on the 14th of that month; (b), because the minutes of the Lodge, the best evidence, do not show the presence of Washington in the Lodge *on or after* December 27, 1788, on which day he was invited to dine with the Brethren, his diary, which we have examined, showing that he was at home all that day."

We have left unnoticed some portion of the Pennsylvania Proceedings and much of the report on Correspondence, which we wished to notice, simply for lack of space to spare.

Bro. Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., R.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. William A. Sinn, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

32D ANNUAL—CHARLOTTETOWN—JUNE, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 14; members, 662; net gain, 29.

Bro. W. K. Rogers, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Grand Master Rogers presiding in the Grand East, and a constitutional number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

It is with pleasure that we note the presence of our Representative, Brother D. Dalrach, M. D., (P. G. M.) at this Communication.

From the Grand Master's address it is noted that he had made official visitations to all the Lodges in the Province. The detailed account of these visitations must be very interesting to his Brethren.

He had granted eight dispensations—one to attend Divine service in Regalia, four to elect officers out of statutory time, and three to waive time in conferring degrees. He says, however, that he is "strongly against granting dispensations for this purpose," and regrets exceedingly that he is obliged to report the granting of any. After looking over Alabama proceedings, he might say, "Physician, heal thyself"; nevertheless we would urge upon all Grand Masters to put the foot right down upon the slip-shod practice and announce, at the beginning of official term, the determination to refuse any and all dispensations. We undertake to affirm that Freemasonry would profit thereby.

The Grand Master had set his heart upon the establishment of a Permanent Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. He desires to raise \$5,000.00 as a basis, the interest of which would be available, and adequate to meet probable demands. In response to his appeals the Brethren (or rather 231 of them) had last year contributed over \$1,700.00. He figures it out that if each member will, this year, contribute \$3.00, before June 24th, there will be in hand \$4,000.00, and then the remaining \$1,000.00 will be easily raised. Success to you, M.: W.: Brother, in this most laudable undertaking.

The business of Grand Lodge was conducted with dignity and in the best of order.

The Grand Treasurer had deposits in bank and cash in hand \$304.84.

The lateness of the hour before going to press necessitates imperfection in this review of "Prince Edward Island" several Reports being left unnoticed. Come earlier.

Bro. W. K. Rogers, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Neil MacKelvie, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

37TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Bro. David A. Manson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

It is ever a pleasure to open the well printed Proceedings of this well ordered Grand Lodge. We present, as usual, a line of statistics, in beginning our review, as follows: Number of Chartered Lodges, 58—Lodges U. D., 3—Membership, Dec. 31, 1906, 5,488—Net increase, 488. Number initiated during the year, 476—Honorary members, 89. Fifty-four Lodges were represented.

On February 13, 1907, the Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form, Grand Master Manson presiding in the Grand East, and the other Grand Officers in their respective stations, or places, while five Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions were also present. We note with pleasure that our envoy, V.: W.: Bro. Walter Nutt, was one of those responding to roll call.

Grand Master Manson's address marks him as a man of judicial mind, conspicuous power of analysis, and singleness of purpose, having always the good of Masonry at heart.

Pregnant with meaning is the following utterance in the opening of his address:

"We have often been advised to see that none but worthy men are admitted to our Order, but let us endeavor also, to see to it that the worthy candidate on admission finds us also worthy."

Under the heading "France," he pertinently says:

"The unhappy differences now existing between church and state in France are attributed in various quarters to the machinations of the Masonic Fraternity in that country.

"It is one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, as understood and practiced within the British Empire, the American Union, and throughout the world generally with very few exceptions, to abstain from interference with the religious faith or political convictions of its members. Hence may be seen within Masonic circles in these countries, members of the Craft professing different religious creeds, and holding different political views, fraternizing together in perfect amity, good fellowship and accord."

He was happy to inform the Brethren that the Trustees of the Permanent Benevolent Fund had arranged to endow a bed in the General Hospital of Montreal, this making the third hospital bed thus endowed, viz.: One in Quebec, one in Sherbrooke and now one in Montreal. That is practical Masonry:

He feelingly announced the death of Past Grand Master Edson Fitch who died April 19, 1906.

In the writer's opinion, the Grand Master's rulings justify the comment made in this paper. As a sample witness the following:

He refused to approve the following by-law:

"All applications for initiation must be referred to a committee of three, appointed secretly by the Master, and they shall report to the Standing Committee, who in return shall report on the same at the next regular Communication."

In refusing approval to the foregoing he said:

"The advantages of this measure are not apparent. It would create a division in the Lodge by excluding members from a knowledge of its proceedings."

"It would conceal from members the composition of a committee whose report should guide them in casting their ballots. It would proclaim a Masonic Lodge unworthy of its own confidence. It does not appear in harmony with the spirit or letter of the Constitution."

"In Article No. 210 may be found the following:—'A committee of enquiry shall be appointed.'

"The report of the Committee of Enquiry shall be received and read."

He says: "The proposed measure is certainly not in accord with this provision of the Constitution."

Again—A certain Lodge desired permission, through a proposed by-law, to create life members by resolution, at any time in its discretion, after giving 30 days' notice to its members.

"Ruling"—"Private Lodges may, by By-Law, admit their members to life membership, on such terms as such Lodge may determine."—(Art. 254, Constitution of the Grand Lodge.)

"That is to say on such terms as they may determine by by-law. Hence such by-law must contain the terms so imposed.

"I turn to the proposed amendment and find that it contains no rule, defines no condition, determines no terms as required by said Article 254. But simply enacts under the guise of a by-law that the Lodge may so admit its members at any time, for any reason, and upon such terms as it may from time to time approve.

"The Constitution clearly enacts by said Article 254 that life membership belongs to that class of subjects which must be governed by by-laws.

"The effect of the proposed amendment would be to practically remove it from that class, and make it subject to the will of the Lodge as expressed by resolution," &c.

As to Lodge Room Dedication, he said:

"My ruling was as follows:

"I have no hesitation in declaring it contrary to the spirit of the rite of dedication to celebrate it on halls not owned by those who invoke the rite. The term of the lease signifies nothing, one, or one hundred years presents the same obstacle."

Sound.

His ruling in regard to St. Francis Lodge is too long to be quoted here as the history of the cases involved, together with the reports of the committee would be necessary to render the decision intelligible to outsiders. Suffice it to say that said ruling was eminently correct.

His attitude in respect of the San Francisco disaster was not wanting in the true Masonic spirit.

The Grand Master's several official visitations were highly interesting, and, no doubt, profitable. We note that the banquet was, by no means, conspicuous by its absence. That's right. Here in Alabama, it is to be feared, we too much ignore the social feature.

From the fine report of the Grand Secretary Will H.

Whyte we learn that all the Lodges had made returns and that only one Lodge was behind in its dues—very good—over 98 per cent. had paid up in full.

That the Grand Lodge of Quebec is in good financial condition as well as in other respects, everybody knows; therefore we content ourselves with copying from the Grand Treasurer's report the various total assets, as follows: Benevolent Fund, \$17,175.25—Permanent Benevolent Fund, \$12,098.85—General Fund, \$5,041.47—Grand total, \$34,310.55.

The short discourse delivered by the D. G. C. of the Shefford and Brome District, was a chaste, scholarly and helpful address. Although young in Masonry the Rev. speaker seems deeply impressed with its grand, elevating principles.

The reports of the District Deputies evince faithful devotion to their respective duties, and generally healthy condition among the Lodges. We note in the report of the St. Francis District Deputy that he wants the "York Rite" eliminated from the work. Also in the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry, it appears that that Rite is not the authorized work.

The committee commends the District Deputies for their performance of duty. It also makes a few recommendations for the betterment of some of the Lodges. On recommendation of the same committee charters were granted to the three Lodges U. D.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master extols him as a "masterful" administrator of affairs. His dispensations and refusals of such are approved; his rulings are strongly commended, and his attitude as to the San Francisco disaster is held to be the only one in keeping with the peculiar circumstances and with the dignity of Grand Lodge. Adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee sustained the Grand Master in his action concerning the cases from St. Francis Lodge. Adopted.

M.: W.: Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his annual report on Correspondence, and it was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee it was resolved that the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be closed on the 31st of January, each year, and that said officers submit their books to the Committee on Finance within the first five days of February, and that any Lodge failing to make returns and pay dues by January 31st shall not be entitled to vote at the next Annual Communications.

Resolutions of sympathy in the illness of the two Past Grand Masters, James Dunbar and I. H. Stearns, the latter of whom has been Grand Treasurer 34 years, were unanimously adopted.

M.: W.: Brother E. T. D. Chambers' memorial of Past Grand Master Edson Fitch is an excellent contribution to necrological literature. (We note in his sketch of Brother Fitch's civil career, that the latter controlled the largest match factory in the world, "making nearly 90,000,000 matches in a single day.")

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is of course from the scholarly and vigorous yet courteous pen of Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers. If we should attempt to do full justice to his report we should quote pages and pages. The following is extracted from his opening sentences:

"PSEUDO-MASONRY."

"While no new subjects of importance have appeared upon the Masonic horizon during the past year, there has probably been more discussion of certain so-called Freemasonry during the last few months than ever before; consequent upon the struggle in France between the authorities of church and state, and the pertinacity with which the members of the Grand Orient of France, and of its subordinate bodies, cling to the name of Masonry despite their repudiation of its essential characteristics. It would be no credit to Freemasonry were the statesmen who are persecuting ministers of religion and effacing all reference to the Deity from the coins of their realm, members of the Craft. That they claim to be so there is no doubt. That their enemies—both in the clerical press of France and in the French newspapers of Canada—call them Freemasons, is perfectly true. But neither the one nor the other of these claims constitute these men members of the Order. There cannot possibly be any Freemasonry without Masonic Light, and there

can be no Masonic Light, where, as in France, the first great Light of Masonry—the Volume of the Sacred Law—has been banished from the lodges, and with it all necessity for a belief in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe. There is then but darkness visible, unillumined by any light from above.

"IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES."

"Numerically, the Craft in North America is making great strides. The increase in the membership of the various Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States during the last year has exceeded 75,000. We are not of those who measure Masonic progress by numbers alone, and it is therefore most gratifying to note that all along the line there is at present being paid much more attention than formerly to the necessity of a close scrutiny of all candidates for initiation. We can do without numbers but we cannot build a permanent structure without quality and character. This is a fact upon which it is impossible to insist too often or too strongly."

Alabama—1906 receives brotherly attention covering over three and one-half pages.

He says of M.: W.: Brother Ben M. Jacobs:

"The Acting Grand Master showed himself to have been a wise and capable ruler."

He approvingly quotes that portion of the address which intimates that we should, in accepting material, have more regard to quality than to numbers. He also extracts from that portion which animadverts upon the practice of some in giving to the press action taken by the Lodge. That also with approval.

The writer is proud of commendation by so accomplished a critic as Brother Chambers; therefore highly appreciates the following, after reference to a case involving the commission of a heinous crime:

It is pleasant to turn from matters such as these to the very charming Report of Foreign Correspondence of Bro. W. Y. Titcomb, covering 269 pages, everyone of which contains something of interest. Our good Brother extracts judiciously and comments soundly and judicially."

He quotes with approval the writer's remarks under Nevada, as to display of the U. S. flag in Lodges.

Bro. Geo. O. Stanton, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Will H. Whyte, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

115TH YEAR—PROVIDENCE—JUNE, 1906.

Bro. Joseph Wood Freeman, M.: W.: Grand Master, whose portrait is seen on the first page of this volume.

Number of Lodges, 39—Members, Apr. 30, 1906, 6,483—Net gain, 181.

The book before us contains a record of Proceedings at the Semi-Annual, held November 20, 1905, mostly routine in character; two Special Communications held for the purpose of laying corner-stones, and the "116th Annual Communication, held May 21, 1906."

The addresses delivered at these Special Communications were elevated in tone, and of great practical value to all who gave them the attentive ear. We wish our space would admit of their reproduction.

At the Annual, the Grand Officers, Representatives of 30 Lodges and seven Past Grand Masters were present.

A distinguished visitor, the Grand Master of Vermont, in response to the address of welcome, delivered an impressive discourse, in which, by the way, he affirmed that in his own State "there is one Mason for every thirty of population and one in every eight men of lawful age." Remarkable!

The Grand Master presented a short but business-like and comprehensive address.

Two of his pages were occupied by his report on Necrology; he had issued twelve special dispensations for various purposes. We note that one of these was for waiving examination on the M. M. Degree, in the case of a member who, in the U. S. service, had been suddenly ordered to the Philippine Islands. In quite a number of instances release of jurisdiction had been granted. He had made several official visitations (five in number) witnessing excellent work in each case.

He had wired Grand Master Flint of California to draw on the Grand Treasurer of R. I. for \$1,000.00, and since that

remitance nearly \$2,000.00 more had been contributed by the R. I. brethren, which sum was held to await further call by Grand Master Flint. The brethren of Rhode Island, less than 6,500 in number, acted nobly in that matter, in response to the Grand Master's urgent and eloquent appeal.

While treating the subject of release of jurisdiction he had called attention to a lack of courtesy displayed by the official head of the neighboring jurisdiction of Massachusetts, toward the R. I. Grand Lodge. But, doubtless, the courtesy will prove to have been unintentional.

He submitted no decisions. Many questions had been asked and answered; but in all cases his construction of the Constitution and laws had been satisfactory.

The reports of the District Deputies, as well as his own observation, showed that good feeling and harmony prevailed to an unusual degree.

The report of the Grand Lecturer showed that he had held two meetings for instruction of the District Deputies which meetings revealed the fact that those Deputies were well grounded in the work. He had visited several Lodges and had found them well posted.

The Grand Secretary's report is a compact, business paper.

The Grand Treasurer's receipts had been \$4,487.67. His balance to new account was \$1,211.19.

In response to the appeal of the Grand Master he had received from the Lodges and Brethren \$3,001.31 for the California Relief Fund. \$1,000.00 had been sent, as stated by the Grand Master, to Grand Master Motley H. Flint of California. The remaining \$2,001.31 were still in his own hands subject to Grand Master Flint's order.

R.: W.: Henry W. Rugg, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Porto Rico. Unanimously adopted. Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Indiana and District of Columbia had recognized Porto Rico.

No charters were issued by Grand Lodge at the Communication.

A letter from the eminent Masonic historian, Robert Freke Gould, endorsing the reprint of his "Concise History of Freemasonry," by the Macoy Company, Park Row, New York City, was read. The piratical publication, of his great work, by conscienceless publishers should be boycotted everywhere.

The Colorado circular, producing a Collegium of Grand Lecturers, was read by the Grand Secretary, also a letter from the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, announcing an effort to establish there a Masonic Home.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, announcing that said Grand Lodge has taken action looking to a general observance of St. John Baptist's Day, June 24, 1917, the Bi-Centenary of the establishment of the first Grand Lodge of Free Masons, was presented, but action thereon was deferred until a future meeting of Grand Lodge.

The idea of such celebration is happily conceived, and may be conveniently carried out. With all due deference to Bro. Marcombe of Iowa, we prefer this plan to his, although if his idea could be successfully embodied, the results would be a grand concentration and intimate communion of Masonic thought and sentiment.

During the sitting of Grand Lodge, another special communication was held to lay the corner stone of the Roger Williams Baptist Church. The ceremony was impressive. The orator for the occasion ably discussed the distinction between the church and Freemasonry.

There was no annual reviews of Grand Lodges. We miss Brother Henry W. Rugg's chaste and scholarly reports.

Bro. Walter A. Presbrey, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. S. Penrice Williams, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION—EDINBURGH—MAY, 1907.

Bro. Sir Thos. D. G. Carmichael, M.: W.: Grand Master
Mason on the Throne.

The pamphlet before us records transactions of interest, of

course to the Scottish Fraternity, but having looked through its pages, we find little to entertain outsiders. We note, however, in the "Minutes of the Grand Committee," the following paragraphs, which as we read the report, were approved:

1st, "That a District Grand Lodge to be styled 'The District Grand Lodge of the Territory of Hawaii,' be erected and that Bro. Henry E. Cooper, Honolulu, be appointed to the District Grand Mastership."

2nd, "That Bro. George Springer be appointed District Grand Master of New Zealand South."

We have quoted the first passage for the purpose of asking our better-informed Brethren of the Guild whether or not the erection, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of a District Grand Lodge in United States Territory, is a piece of arrant presumption on the part of the Scottish Grand Lodge.

In the second paragraph quoted we observe that the Grand Lodge of Scotland still holds on, with bulldog pertinacity, to the shekels derived from New Zealand, notwithstanding the almost universal recognition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of that Island.

By approving the report of the Foreign and Colonial Committee which recommended, for expulsion from Freemasonry, the M.: W.: "Depute" Master, J. W. and Chaplain of a Queensland Lodge, Grand Lodge added fuel to the fires of discord, if said action was taken on account of the adhesion of these brethren to the new Grand Lodge of Queensland. If however, said expulsions were for immoral and unmasonic conduct,—for other reason than that the parties referred to had given their support to the new movement, then, in that case, we beg to recall our remark thereon.

What views soever we may entertain in regard to the obstinacy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in respect of Masonic affairs in Queensland, New Zealand, and Western Australia, it gives us pleasure to testify to the charitable acts of said Grand Lodge in relieving distress and in taking steps to provide a Masonic Orphanage.

We also note that, for the months of May, June, and July,

1907, grants had been made, to the amount of \$1,464.96, to ten Brother Masons, twenty-one widows, one wife of a Brther, and two daughters of Masons.

That so respectable and venerable a Grand Body, as the Grand Lodge of Scotland, surely is, may soon abandon her policy of non-recognition, is devoutly to be wished.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION—ADELAIDE—APRIL 17, 1907.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. Sir S. J. Way, M.: W.: Grand Master.
Number of Lodges 45—Members, 2,934. Net gain, 135.

The Half-Yearly Communication was held in Adelaide October 17, 1906. At this Cmunication our Representative Bro. C. S. Young, (P. M.) was reported as present. Also at the annual.

That the bond of fraternity and sympathy is recognized and felt in far-away Scuth Australia, is evidenced by the following, after Grand Lodge had been opened in Ample Form:

"A letter was received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, acknowledging receipt of \$250.00 donated by this Grand Lodge to the San Francisco Masonic Relief Fund."

That contribution was in response to the action of the Board of General Purposes, and confirmation of the same. In the repcrt of the Board appears the following:

"In consequence of the dire visitation on the City of San Francisco by earthquake and fire, many brethren of the Jurisdiction of California have been plunged into great distress, their homes have become desolate, and many widows and orphans are in need of relief. Their cry of distress has reached us, and, acting upon the principle that 'He that gives quickly gives twice.' the Board has, with the consent and authority of the M.: W.: Grand Master, forwarded a donation of fifty pounds to the Distress Fund, trusting that the Grand Lodge will not withhold its approval."

On recommendation of the Board the Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized, but ecnsideration of the application of

the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was "postponed for the present."

That this Grand Body is in good shape financially will be apparent from the following:

"The Balance Sheet of the Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall Property Fund at December 31, 1906, and the Revenue Account for the year is submitted by the Hon. Treasurer. The assets of this fund are stated as 20,658 pounds, 4s. 8d.

The total worth of Grand Lodge Funds is as under:—

Freemasons' Hall Trust-----	£20,658	4	8
Grand Lodge General Fund-----	735	7	2
Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund-----	1,221	3	8
Grand Lodge Permanent Benevolent Fund -----	1,032	9	7
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And, too, that this Grand Lodge is not oblivious of its duty to the suffering, is manifest in the fact that during the year, indigent Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, to the number of twenty-one received periodical relief from the Freemason's Hall Trust Benevolent Fund to the amount of \$1,824.60.

The Benevolent Fund, December 31, 1906, was the sum of \$5,861.62, and the Permanent Benevolent Fund, same date, was \$4,954.66.

We congratulate our brethren of S. A. on their systematic, business like exercise of charity (But our package of reviews must presently go to the printer, so for this time, we must bid our friends in the South Sea, good-bye.)

Bro. The Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. H. Cunningham, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

130TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—DECEMBER, 1906.

Bro. F. E. Harrison, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 205 (our count); Lodges U. D. 6; Mem-

bership, 10,403. Net increase, 839. Portraits in this volume are of Grand Master Harrison, and Grand Secretary J. T. Barron.

Grand Lodge was convened in Ample Form, on Tuesday, December 11, 1906, at 12 o'clock M. M.: Grand Master in the chair; the other Grand Officers in their respective stations, and a quorum of Lodges represented. Also six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 31 Grand Jurisdictions were reported present. Where was Brother R. T. Jaynes, Brother Barron?

In his well written, thorough and business like address, the Grand Master paid a fitting and eloquent tribute to the late Grand Secretary Charles Inglesby, one of the very best and most useful members of our Fraternity in the South.

But without a doubt, our South Carolina Brethren have selected the right man to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the lamented Inglesby, by the choice of Brother Jacob T. Barron for Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master had granted quite a number of special dispensations—eleven of them to waive time, in conferring degrees, but had refused thirteen, besides several to confer degrees upon partly maimed persons, as the South Carolina law on physical qualifications, forbids all such. Also a number of applications for permission to elect officers before the time prescribed in the Constitution. He had also granted dispensations for formation of five new Lodges; also, for constituting five Lodges to which charters had been granted.

Eight corner-stones had been laid. On the pending amendment to the Constitution which reads as follows:

"Amend Art. III, Chap. XIV of the Constitution by adding the following: '*Provided*, That such maiming or dismemberment which does not actually prevent a candidate from fulfilling all the requirements of his obligations, shall not be a disqualifying physical disability."

The Grand Master trusted that Grand Lodge would reflect upon the far-reaching consequences of such action before adopting said amendment.

The Grand Master says that the total contributions of the S. C. Lodges to aid the earthquake and fire sufferers in California, amounted to \$2,031.70.

He submitted twenty-two decisions. The most of them commend themselves to us. No. 9 rules that a Lodge, working under dispensation, is bound under the law to pay dues to the Grand Lodge for Degrees conferred while working U. D.

In the 15th decision, he says that it is proper that the initials, "A. F. M." should appear in the impress of the seal of every subordinate Lodge in South Carolina, instead of the letters, "F. & A. M." In Alabama when we employ the initials, we put them thus: A. F. & A. M. If we should go into court with a paper bearing a designation other than "A. F. & A. M." our case would, doubtless, be "thrown out."

In the 19th, the question was asked:

"Is hearsay testimony admissible in a Masonic trial?"
The inquirer goes on to discuss the question thus:

"I know that it is not, in our law courts, but it seems to me in a moral court the best evidence the case is capable of should be permitted. For instance: A Lodge appoints a committee consisting of the S. W., the J. W. and the Secretary, to investigate a matter affecting the welfare of the Lodge, and if the facts warrant it, instructs the J. W. to prefer charges. They interview a number of witnesses, who speak of their own knowledge as to the matter under investigation, and upon their statements charges are preferred of a very serious character. Some of these witnesses, by the time the formal testimony is to be taken in the presence of the accused, get out of the way and cannot be located. Can the members of the committee, in case they cannot be gotten, or will not testify, state under oath what these witnesses told them? Of course you understand these witnesses are profanes."

A.—"It seems to me that in case the testimony of profanes cannot be obtained, through wilful neglect on their part to appear, it would be competent for the members of the committee, referred to above, to state upon their honor as Masons what these persons said."

"At first blush," we concur.

On December 11, 1906, total cash on hand, as per Grand Treasurer's report, \$13,340.11.

Grand Secretary Jacob T. Barron is a model officer. In his hands, the affairs and business of Grand Lodge will not suffer.

He complains that only about one-third of the Lodges obeyed the instructions of Grand Lodge as to time of sending in their returns and dues. He had, however, kept his books open till the 1st of December. Up to that date 147 Lodges (our count) had made correct returns and paid their dues.

The Committee on Masonic Relief reported income making a total of \$414.63—expenditures, \$155.73. The Board asked for a contribution of \$100.00 by Grand Lodge, and \$15.00 from each Subordinate Lodge, to be paid—one-half on Jan. 1, 1907, and the other half, on July 1, 1907, or at such time thereafter as the Board should need it. Referred to Committee on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Books.

The District Deputies submitted their reports. One of them (the Deputy for the Eighth District) appended to his report a statistical table—a desirable feature. From these reports we learn that the Lodges generally are in a prosperous state, and that peace and harmony prevail all over the Jurisdiction.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the new Grand Lodge of Alberta received recognition, but the applications of Grand Lodge of Valley of Mexico, Grand Lodge of Queensland, and Grand Lodge of Alpina (Suisse) were "received as information and action thereon deferred, awaiting further Masonic light."

The committee to draft resolutions and memorial to the late Grand Secretary, Charles Inglesby, presented a touching and beautiful tribute to the manliness, wisdom, and nobility of that universally lamented Brother who "crossed over, and rests under the shade of the trees."

We quote a single sentiment, which, doing but justice to the subject, without doubt, equally does honor to the author of the same.

Here is the sentiment in question:

"Our brother was a full-rounded man. He was a gallant soldier, a true Mason, and, beyond and above all a devoted and affectionate husband, and a fond and tender father—this last being the best and sweetest eulogy that can be pronounced upon the life and character of any man."

Truer words were never spoken, say we.

A vote, by Lodges, being taken on the proposed amendment to Art. 111, Chap. XIV of Constitution, adding the following: "*Provided*, That such maiming or dismemberment which does not actually prevent a candidate from fulfilling all the requirements of his obligations, shall not be a disqualifying physical disability," the amendment was "lost by a vote of 272 for, and 246 against; necessary to carry, 346."

So the strict constructionists are happy.

Wednesday morning, Dec. 12th, a distinguished visitor, M.: W.: E. W. Durant, P. G. M., of Minnesota, was received and welcomed with the P. G. H.

We note in the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's Books, which report was adopted, the following:

"As the balance of cash on hand is getting rather large, we would suggest to the Grand Treasurer the advisability of dividing the deposits, so that the amount in any one bank will not be over \$5,000.00."

On general principles, such action is probably wise. We must be permitted to congratulate our Brethren of the Palmetto State on the following resolutions which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, 1st, That a Masonic Home be established.

"2d, That on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay over to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home such amount as may be in excess of the current expenses for the year, which amount shall be invested in some safe interest-bearing securities, and be held till the sum shall be sufficient for the purpose of establishing the same."

South Carolina and Alabama have now fairly placed themselves in that grand procession of Beneficence which is keeping step to the music of the widows' and orphans' grateful acclaim. For, in Alabama, at next Grand Lodge, Grand Master, Ben. M. Jacobs will announce the accomplishment of what he and his associates have untiringly labored for, viz.: the passage of an amendment to our constitution, changing the per capita Grand Lodge dues from 50 cents to \$1.00, one-half of which will go to the Masonic Home Fund.

A beautiful watch was presented to Past Grand Master John R. Bellinger as a token of the love and esteem of his Brethren. A worthy act.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to six Lodges U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved most of the Grand Master's decisions, but found fault with a few of them. Brother Barron was doubtless pleased that on recommendation of the same committee, section 98 of the constitution was, by unanimous vote amended so as to read as follows:

Section 98. Every Lodge shall make its returns up to the first day of November of each year and pay its dues to the Grand Secretary according to a form to be prepared by him and sent to each Lodge. Said returns and dues must be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, on or before the 15th day of November of each year."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (126 pp.) is the work of Past Grand Master Jacob T. Barron, Chairman of the Committee, also Grand Secretary. Brother Barron stands in no need of "forbearance" and "tender consideration." He is amply able to hold his end of the line in any event. Here is what he says by way of introduction:

"I have not attempted to furnish a literary gem, theoretical discussion of various questions, a digest of decisions, nor yet a compendium of statistics. I have endeavored to make such extracts and emphasize such matters as I believe interest our South Carolina Craftsmen and aid them in understanding our laws and in more fully appreciating the sublime principles of Freemasonry. I have not attempted to follow the form or style of my lamented predecessor, who was so happy and gifted in this particular work, where his brilliancy shone conspicuously for so many years.

"I realize the short-comings of this initial effort, and ask the forbearance and tender consideration of my readers both at home and abroad."

Brother Barron gives Alabama-1905 nearly two pages of his valuable space. He says:

"Grand Secretary Beauchamp shows skill and taste in the arrangement, indexing, etc., of the proceedings."

He expresses "surprise and dissent" at the decision that illiterates are eligible for the degrees. The writer's personal opinion on that matter is too well known to need repetition.

He calls our advice that recognition shall not be accorded to Grand Lodge of Queensland until a majority of the Lodges in that territory become constituents thereof, "sound doctrine."

Brother Barron may rest assured that his kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence is very highly appreciated, and that his quotation therefrom does honor to the writer.

Reply to our Brother's question as to how we think the South Carolina dispensary should affect our Masonic relations with her Grand Lodge, at short notice (for the subject has never been reflected on by the writer prior to this moment) must be crude, ill-digested.

"Twould be long before we could get our own consent to break away from the dignified, conservative Grand Lodge of that State. Besides, we greatly doubt that the responsibility for the establishment of the dispensary rests upon the Masonic Grand Lodge. To be frank, we must confess that we are opposed to the State's engaging in the liquor business, and by their tenure the Masons of Carolina are bound to obey the laws of the country in which they live.

We have marked some passages in our Brother's excellent report, for reproduction, but we have exceeded our limits as to space already.

Bro. Frank E. Harrison, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Jacob T. Barron, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

33RD ANNUAL—LEAD—JUNE, 1907.

Bro. Robert H. McCaughey, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 109; Lodges, U. D. 3; Members, 6,675.

Gain, 341.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form, Grand Master McCaughey being in the chair. Of

the Permanent Members there were eight present, thus manifesting their interest in the affairs of Grand Lodge. Representatives of eighty-six subordinate Lodges were on hand. We do not find that Brother Albert F. Milligan, our Representative was reported present with the twenty-three other Representatives of sister Grand Lodges.

The address of Grand Master McCaughey fully met the high expectations of his Brethren.

From said address we learn that, during the year, five Lodges had been constituted; that three dispensations had been issued to form new Lodges; that same fifteen or more special dispensations had been granted, but that all requests for permission to confer degrees out of time had been refused save one—permission to give the degrees to a lieutenant in the Navy who had shore leave of but two weeks before sailing. Three corner stones had been laid, and one Masonic Hall dedicated at Springfield, S. D.

The Grand Master apprises us that the famous "Silver Trowel" pursuing a westerly course on its tour of the world, and sent out by Justice Lodge of New York City, has visited the Brethren of South Dakota, has been received with all the honors, and speeded on its way with hearty benedictions.

A letter had been received from the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, inviting the Grand Lodge of S. D. to participate in the centenary of Joseph Garibaldi's birth. The Grand Master had sent the same to the Committee on Correspondence for consideration.

June 11, 1907, the Grand Treasurer had balance in the sum of \$5,693.11.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Pettigrew presented his thirteenth annual report—and it is a good one.

"Brother Samuel A. Brown, M. D., Committee on Correspondence, presented his printed report, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings."

On recommendation of the Committee on Chartered Lodges and Returns, charters were granted to two of the three Lodges U. D., and the third was continued U. D. for another year.

Through the report of the Committee on Obituary we learn that 82 Brethren in the Jurisdiction had died during the year. The committee made suitable recommendation in respect of Memorial tablets for departed Brethren.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals, composed of five Past Grand Masters, made a short report, which was concurred in. Rightly so, in our opinion.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, and its report was concurred in.

Decision No. 2 was as follows:

"2. The fact that a Brother is present and casts his ballot at a regular meeting when a candidate is elected to receive the degrees, does not deprive him of the right to file a secret objection to the initiation of the candidate, as provided in Section 63, Grand Lodge By-Laws."

This is technically correct, and under certain circumstances, morally so; that is, if a Brother, in good faith, casts his ballot for a candidate, believing him to be good material, but afterwards receives proof that said applicant is totally unworthy of the privilege, in such case, filing an objection is all right. On the other hand, if he casts a white ball conscious that he is going to object to the candidate's initiation, his conduct merits the condemnation of every true Mason.

The faithful, untiring and most efficient Grand Lecturer is reported to have made visitations, and held schools of instruction varying from one to four days each, on seventy-one occasions.

The Masonic Veterans' Association had a good meeting. All Brethren, in good standing, who have been Master Masons 50 years or more, are eligible for membership, or entitled to honorary membership.

It was our purpose to note the report on the Library of Grand Lodge, and some other matters of interest, but have been obliged to merely "skim." The reason will be apparent when it is observed that now within a very few days—the eleventh hour—South Dakota, British Columbia, Washington, Cuba, Costa Rica (1907), South Australia, New Zealand, Prince

Edward Island and Nebraska, all have just put in an appearance—hence their "short comment."

CORRESPONDENCE.

This is the more regretted because so little attention can be given to the cream of this volume—the very able Report on Correspondence presented by Brother Samuel A. Brown, who reviews the Proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, taking up for that purpose 140 pages of print.

Alabama-1906 receives most kind and brotherly notice. He refers to the claim of a Wisconsin Lodge upon an Alabama Lodge for funeral expenses incurred in the attention of the former Lodge to an Alabama Brother who died in Wisconsin, said expense account having been made without the knowledge or authority of said Alabama Lodge. We are glad to be able to inform our Brother that the Alabama Lodge paid every cent of that claim. Alabama Lodge would not let Grand Lodge pay it.

Alluding to the subject of physical qualifications the writer had asked, "what about a candidate whose moral qualifications are inferior to his intellectual fitness?" Brother Brown says:

"If all Brethren with moral defects should have to limp, what a peculiar action some of our processions would exhibit."

We join our Brother in his admiration of Bro. Admiral Baird, (P. G. M.) the genial Reviewer in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

As to our remark that going to the relief of others in need or distress, forms a large part of religion, he says:

"Our agreement is perfect."

He has the grateful thanks of the writer for his kind reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence.

Would that we had time and space to do something like justice to this cultured reviewer! Good for "Knights Templars" instead of "Knights Templar."

Brother Brown's report is breezy as well as informing.

Bro. Wm. E. Milligan, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA.

16TH ANNUAL—LAUNCESTON—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 30; Membership not stated.

Bro. The Hon. C. E. Davies, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. R. J. Sadler, M.: W.: Pro. Grand Master.

Bro. John Hamilton, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

At the Communication under review, fifteen Lodges were represented.

The business of Grand Lodge was conducted in an orderly and dignified manner.

We note that in the report of the Board of General Purposes, "adhesion" to the International Bureau for Masonic Intercourse Neuchatel, Switzerland, was declined as the Board could not see that anything practical could be gained by subscribing to the Bureau.

From the financial statement presented by the Board and rendered by Grand Treasurer and Grand Lecturer, it is learned that the assets of Grand Lodge amount to \$2,759.04; liabilities, "Nil."

The Board of Benevolence reported the Fund of Benevolence as now standing \$2,480.00.

The expenditures of the Board show that every effort is made to relieve suffering and provide for the necessitous.

The Grand Secretary intimated that during the past few years the labors of his office had greatly increased, notwithstanding material help by the V.: W.: Deputy Grand Secretary. He experiences satisfaction, however, in stating that, with one exception, all fees for 1906 have, by special exertion, been paid.

In the report of Proceedings of sister jurisdictions received, those of Alabama do not appear.

The M.: W.: Grand Master, who had recently lost, by death, his life partner, sent to the Grand Lodge a short address, dated at sea, January 27, 1907, which breathed a noble devotion to the interests of the Craft, and expressed profound appreciation of the love and sympathy manifested by his Brethren, with his late bereavement, and accepting his re-election, now

for the twelfth time, since the Grand Lodge deemed it best for Masonry in Tasmania, that he should again serve the Craft in that capacity. The address was read by the Pro Grand Master.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from nearly fifty Brethren.

"Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, and with solemn prayer."

TENNESSEE.

93D ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 432. Members, 20,986. Net gain, 807.
Bro. Robert Burrow, M.: W.: Grand Master.

A portrait of the Grand Master-elect embellishes the first page of this volume.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, January 30, 1907, Grand Master Burrow in the chair, and all the other Grand Officers in their places except the Grand Steward. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were reported present, and 421 Lodges were represented.

Grand Master Burrow gave, in his address, a good "account of his stewardship."

He paid fitting tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master James L. Sloan. He had issued some twenty odd dispensations—most of them to elect and install officers, and one to form a new Lodge. Seven dispensations had, for reasons deemed good and sufficient, been refused. Eight corner-stones had been laid.

His official rulings (67 in number) cover eleven and one-half pages of the printed proceedings. We have read them and are impressed with the eminent correctness of them almost without exception, and with the manifest purpose in each one, to deal justly, fairly with all concerned.

For information, we quote a few of them. "No. 14" held that a Mason, residing in Tennessee, doing a liquor business,

was liable to charges and punishment, notwithstanding the fact that that party belonged to a Virginia Lodge (The Grand Master of the Virginia Grand Lodge took exception to the action of a Tennessee Lodge in preferring charges against a Virginia Mason trafficking in liquor within the jurisdiction of said Tennessee Lodge.)

The case which evoked the foregoing decision having been referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, that committee had recommended that the case of appeal be remanded and a new trial had in the Tennessee Lodge; but the committee held with Grand Master Burrow that said Lodge in Tennessee had jurisdiction in that case. So there is a controversy "on", apparently, between the two Grand Masters, on the question of jurisdiction over said offending Mason.

In the writer's opinion, the Tennessee Lodge has jurisdiction in that case.

For the information of what persons soever it may concern, we quote ruling "No. 21." It is as follows:

Question—"Parsons Lodge, No. 586—A man living in Alabama, but who formerly lived within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and claimed Parsons as his home, petitioned for membership and was elected. Before a degree was conferred, a Lodge was instituted in the town in Alabama where he lived, and this Lodge requested Parsons Lodge that it be permitted to confer the E. A. degree. The applicant wanted to be released by Parsons Lodge so he could join the Alabama Lodge. How should the matter be disposed of?"

'Answer.—The candidate had not been a *resident* within the jurisdiction of Parsons Lodge for twelve months next before the filing of his petition for membership, and that Lodge had no right to receive or act upon it. The action taken being without authority, the candidate should petition the Alabama Lodge as if no action had ever been taken by Parsons Lodge."

Eminently correct, we think.

"28. Lodge No.——. A brother was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. A majority of the Lodge think the killing was justifiable. Is the Lodge compelled to prefer charges and inflict punishment, and must the Lodge verdict be in keeping with the finding of the court?"

"Answer.—The matter of preferring charges is one for the

decision of the Lodge. However, when a member has been convicted by a jury and the conviction affirmed by the Supreme Court, it would seem to be the proper thing to do to receive the charge and have a Masonic trial. If such a trial is had it is for the members of the Lodge to say what the verdict shall be, and they are not compelled to find a verdict in keeping with the findings of the court and jury. On the contrary, they ought to render a fair and impartial decision based upon the evidence taken in the Masonic trial."

We concur.

In decision No. 36, the Grand Master says:

"The former high prerogative of the Grand Master to make a Master Mason at sight has become obsolete, if it has not actually been interdicted by the edicts and rulings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The Masonic Code, which is very high authority, in naming the duties and prerogatives of the Grand Master, does not include that of making a Mason at sight. On the contrary, it states that the Grand Master has not the power 'to suspend, by dispensation or otherwise, the operation of any edict or regulation of the Grand Lodge, and no case of emergency can possibly be presented which would authorize the attempt to do so.'—(page 11.) If that be true, as edict 29 provides that one stated meeting shall elapse between the conferring of the respective degrees I am unable to see how the Grand Master could make a Mason at sight without suspending the operation of the edict."

The Grand Master's premises admitted, his conclusion is inevitable.

A certain Lodge asked for a dispensation to open Lodge at 4 o'clock instead of 7:30—banquet and degrees.

"Answer.—A dispensation is not necessary; you have the right without it."

"62. *Masonry in the Canal Zone.* Judge H. A. Gudger of the Isthmian Canal Zone, formerly Grand Master of North Carolina, writes that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has granted a dispensation for Lodges in the Canal Zone, but many doubt the right to do so. He asks the Grand Master's opinion on the following questions: Has the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts jurisdiction? Would Lodges, organized under such auspices, be clandestine or regular? If she has no right, how may a Lodge be organized?"

For answer, the Grand Master declined to make a ruling, but referred the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, for its consideration.

The Jurisprudence Committee, to which the Grand Master's address was referred, made an able report on the same, from which report we extract as follows:

II.

"The long list of dispensations granted and refused exhibit a discriminating exercise of discretion for the welfare of the Craft, in accordance with our wholesome regulations and their approval is therefore recommended.

III.

"The consistent and courteous refusal of the Grand Master to allow himself to be used either officially or personally as a tribunal for the expression of opinion on abstract questions of Masonic law merits commendation and affords an example in conduct of a great office, which, if resolutely followed, will afford his successors time in their busy lives to attend to the serious and onerous duties of practical administration.

"The numerous decisions reported by the Grand Master appear to be, almost without exception, in accord with the settled rules of our jurisprudence, and opinions not in exact harmony with it to have caused no practical injury to the Craft.

"1. The Grand Master rightly observes that his prerogative to 'make a Mason at sight' has fallen into *innocuous desuetude*, and surely his refusal to exercise it is not open to criticism, for it is purely a matter of discretion. But his suggestion that the Grand Lodge may have abrogated this prerogative by edicts and rulings postulates an error inviting correction. This Grand Body, if it would, could not by ruling or edict, or in any other manner whatsoever, deprive the Grand Master of this or any other prerogative. Its enactments and decisions upon all questions on the Supreme Masonic law of the State, only when not in conflict with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, nor in violation of the reserved rights of Subordinate Lodges. So says our Constitution (Article IV), and thus is preserved the institutional foundations of Freemasonry, free from the encroaching spirit of 'modern progress.'

"This particular prerogative of the Grand Master being part of Landmark 9, is thus expressed in our own Text-Book (page 341), 'To make Masons at sight in a regular Lodge by the consent thereof,' which means as interpreted by us, that he may dispense with the petition, recommendation, report, and delay prescribed for regular procedure through subordinates, and may summarily and instantly confer the symbolic degrees upon a man possessing the necessary qualifications, *provided*, always, that he do this within the body of a legally constituted and duly opened Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and with the consent of the members present. And in so doing he would not suspend or violate any edict or regulation of the Grand Body. For the requirements of petition and delay are

prescribed for the government of Subordinate Lodges and their members, and not in a vain attempt to abrogate the landmarks of our Ancient and Venerable Institution.

"2. The Committee ventures also to suggest that whenever any official inquiry is made, answer to which requires knowledge of the regulation or status of a sister Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Master can, in person, or through the Grand Secretary, much more readily and surely obtain the desired information than can the Subordinate Lodge or member.

"3. The right of Ripley Lodge, No. 630, whose regular hour of meeting is 7:30, to open Lodge at 4 o'clock is not so clear to your Committee as to the Grand Master. If the meeting were a called meeting, then no dispensation would be necessary, it could be called for 4 o'clock. But a stated meeting cannot be legally opened before the appointed hour. We therefore recommend non-concurrence in this opinion.

"4. The Grand Master's decision in case of Clarksville Lodge, that it had, by the removal to Kentucky of a petitioner elected for initiation, lost jurisdiction of him and had no further control over his conduct as a candidate for Masonry, is clearly erroneous, as being contrary to the express provisions of our Code (page 39, Sections 1 and 2), applying directly to this case. Non-concurrence is therefore recommended."

The Tennessee Widows' and Orphans' Home is hampered by lack of land for farming purposes. A committee having the matter in charge, will try to secure a tract somewhat removed from the Home, as lands adjacent, can not be bought at any price.

The R.: W.: and Rev. Grand Chaplain read a very impressive memorial on the life and character of Past Grand Master Sloan.

At a fitting juncture the Master Mason Degree was exemplified in actual conferring of the degree.

We have given so much space to the Grand Master and the law committee that reference to the rest of these records, will be of the slightest sort. Tennessee is justly proud of her "Home."

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances takes up seven closely printed pages.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, charters were issued to four new Lodges, and five dispensations for the purpose of organizing new Lodges.

The Past Masters, on Jan. 31, 1907, held their Eighth An-

nual Convocation. Fortw-two Brethren have become members of the Convocation this year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (78 pp.) is presented by Past Grand Master Henry A. Chambers, concisely furnishing the "cream" of the proceedings reviewed. Alabama—1906 receives a fraternal notice of one page.

Bro. Geo. E. Seay, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. John B. Garrett, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

36TH ANNUAL—SALT LAKE CITY—JANUARY, 1907.

Bro. Sidney W. Badcon, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 12—Lodges U. D., 1—Members, 1,343—Net gain, 73.

Portraits of Grand Master-elect, Wm. J. Barrette and late Past Master Charles W. Bennett, and views of the first Temple, at Ogden, Utah, and cf the present Temple at Salt Lake City, also the first Masonic Hall in Utah, embellish this volume.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Tuesday, Jan. 15th, Grand Master Badcon being in the Chair, and a quorum of members being present. Twelve Past Grand Masters, seven Past Grand Wardens, and twenty-three Past Masters, were in attendance, also forty-one Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master's address occupied less than seven full pages, but evidently "filled the bill." He had granted five dispensations—one of them, to organize a Lodge, the others to permit change of quarters. He had refused one, for lack of requisite recommendation by nearest Lodge, and because the meeting of the Grand Lodge was so near.

He had, with the advice of his associate officers, forwarded \$500.00 to the California sufferers from the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906.

In this connection he referred to the good work done by Weber Lodge No. 6:

"As soon as it was reported that many of those, who had been made homeless and destitute by the awful calamity, would be sent east from San Francisco via Southern Pacific Railway, and that Ogden would be the first stopping place, the members of Weber Lodge were organized into committees which, for four days and nights met every train and assisted in supplying the sufferers with raiment and food."

These men of Weber Lodge were true Masons. They were "laying up treasury in Heaven."

The Grand Master reported one decision—it was in answer to the question, "Can a Worshipful Master alone, examine a Brother for visitation?"

Answer:

"He cannot. The W. M. or the presiding officer must appoint a committee of not less than two brethren."

Three are better than two.

He had dedicated the two Temples heretofore described. He had instituted one Lodge.

The Grand Master had the pleasure of reporting the Craft in good condition and prosperous. He had directed the Grand Lecturer to hold a Schcol of Instruction on the evening of the First Day.

He complimented—and worthily so—the Grand Secretary who had been "his strong right arm."

The modesty of his brief "conclusion" bespeaks his merit.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand \$3,561.84. Balance of the Charity Fund on hand \$1,114.84.

R.: W.: Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl presented his thirty-fifth annual report, and a good one it is, too. On the condition of Lodges and their work, he says:

"The work and financial condition of the Lodges during the year 1906, has demonstrated the fact that our Jurisdiction has once more been blessed with a satisfactory degree of prosperity, and also, which is still better, with an earnest, industrious and intelligent Membership, equal, perhaps, in relative proportion, to that of any Grand Jurisdiction on the North American continent. These are pleasant thoughts for which we should bow our heads in sincere gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master on High, from whom all blessings flow."

He says that the Lodges of Utah disbursed in charity the sum of \$2,753.40—that the Lodges have in their treasuries \$27,477.52—ranging from \$14,218.58 in—Lodge No.—to \$9.33 in—Lodge No.—.

We learn from his report that, in Utah, the insurance of Lodge property against fire, is compulsory.

At the vernal equinox, 1906, Brother Diehl was seventy-five years old. On that occasion Grand Lodge or its members presented him with a beautiful token of respect and affection, and he says: "This was my birthday, and a happier one was never mine," using Longfellow's expression.

On favorable report from the Committee on Lodges, a charter was granted to the one Lodge U. D.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia relative to celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of England, was referred to the Representative of G. L. of the Dist. of Columbia to make report thereon at next Annual.

As indicated, exemplification of the work took place, the evening of the First Day—with frills and furbelows, we judge, from the statement the Degree Work was to be exemplified "with scenic display on the stage in the Auditorium."

The Committee on Obituary made a most appropriate report on the Fraternal Dead, making particular mention of the late Past Grand Master Charles W. Bennett, and Brother W. Guthrie.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, while the applications of the Grand Lodges, Valle de Mexico and Alpina of Switzerland, were deferred for consideration until next Annual Communication.

Right Wor. Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl, Committee on Correspondence, gave notice that at next Annual he will introduce a resolution repealing the edict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, giving good reasons therefor. The notice of resolution was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee which gave the same the sanction of its approval. Adopted.

The latter committee approved the decision of the Grand Master concerning examination of a Brother proposing to visit a Lodge; also the dispensations issued, and the one refused.

Committee on Returns reported all returns in and all dues and fees paid. We congratulate you, Bro. Diehl.

The Finance Committee endorsed action of the Grand Master in sending \$500.00 to San Francisco.

The following resolution was adopted, after having passed the scrutiny of the Finance Committee:

"Resolved, That \$1,000.00 of the Charity Fund be invested in 5 per cent debentures of the Masonic Temple Association of Ogden, due in five years, and that \$1,000.00 out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge be invested in debentures of the Utah Consistory No. 1 Corporation of Salt Lake City, at 5 per cent. interest per year."

An amendment to the By-Laws which reads as follows: "In the absence of the W. M. and both Wardens the duties of the Worshipful Master shall devolve upon the Senior Past Master present," having received the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee, was on motion of Bro. Christopher Diehl deferred for consideration at the next Annual.

It was resolved that, after St. John's Day—Dec. 27, 1907—eligibility for the office of W. M. shall require a certificate of the Grand Lecturer that the Bro. chosen for said office shall be able to give the Standard Work of Utah and Lectures entire, also that no Brother shall be invited, by the Master or Wardens, to confer the Degrees, who does not conform to the Utah Work.

We see that it was resolved that any Lodge in the Jurisdiction be permitted to do fancy work, that is: to use stage equipment like that employed in Salt Lake City, in conferring the F. C. and M. M. Degrees. Do stage settings, scenic display, and theatrical exhibitions in Masonic Work, suit our conservative Brother Diehl? But hold!—some Brother may remind us that a good preventive against "nose bleed", is, to keep one's nose out of other people's business: hence with what grace we are possessed of we will withdraw from discussion of Kansas and Utah method of conferring the Degrees.

The report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee—two cases—was adopted.

We pass the occasional Communications for dedicating the two Temples referred to heretofore, and hasten on to have a word or two with R.: W.: Bro. Diehl, before closing this paper. First, however, we indulge the reflection that the New Temple in Salt Lake City must be one of the best equipped, most complete structures of the kind, in America. Brother Diehl, don't get too proud of it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R.: W.: Brother Christopher Diehl presents his thirty-first Annual Report on Correspondence—a worthy successor to his previous, excellent productions.

The report on Alabama—1905 makes one think of Rollin's Ancient History. All the same it is a courteous and brotherly review. Grand Master Matthews' address is styled, "a straight resume of the transactions of his office." We are with Brother Diehl on the subject of making an ignoramus a Mason, (personally, of course).

Respecting the accruing of dues during suspension n. p. d. our distinguished Brother says:

"The Alabama law on this subject is all wrong, and in the fight Bro. Titcomb makes upon it he is supported by every member of the reviewers' guild. Brother Titcomb, hammer away."

On that matter we are thoroughly convinced that justice is on our side and we are not without hope that some day our Grand Lodge will rescind said By-Law.

With all his kindness and courtesy, Brother Diehl gives the writer a slap in the face, as will be seen presently. We had called Brother Diehl "a diamond of the first water," whereupon he brings us up all standing with the following:

"Flowers in Alabama are cheap."

Well, perhaps we deserve the rebuke. At all events we will endeavor to be, in future, less lavish of our compliments.

We are pleased to note that, on most points of opinion, our views coincide with those of Brother Christopher Diehl.

We close our paper (traveling out of the record, no doubt,) with the Grand Secretary's graphic account of the reception when the doors of the New Temple, in Salt Lake City, were thrown open:

HURRICANE AND RECEPTION.

Before giving a description of the reception and of the interior of the Temple it should be stated, if only as a matter of record, that late in the evening of October 20, 1906, a storm commenced to rage in Salt Lake City and Valley that during the night and morning of the following day came nearer being a real hurricane than anything that has been experienced here during the present generation. It was an almost steady roar and the bombardment of the elements lasted for nearly sixteen hours and as a destroyer of overhead wires, cornices, chimneys, trees and shrubbery the hurricane was a howling success. It was very grand and splendid from an aesthetic standpoint, but expensive for many of our citizens and exceedingly trying on the nerves of the several committees in charge of the reception during the afternoon and the dedication of the Temple in the evening.

But seemingly the Brethren and their many friends of both sexes did not mind the live wires, fallen trees and debris with which the broad streets of Zion were covered; they were bound to see the interior of the building, and came in throngs. It is estimated that from the time the door opened till it closed over three thousand people of all classes and standing in the community admired the arrangements and elegance they had come to see. It was a constant coming and going and all were pleased and astonished with what they had seen and parted with thanks and best wishes for the future prosperity of Free Masonry in Utah.

On the reception committee were twenty-six Sir Knights in uniform and as many blue Lodge Masons who welcomed and conducted the visitors through the different apartments. The vestibule, stairs and rooms were decorated with flags of our country and flowers and evergreen, the air was filled with sweet music rendered by the best string band in the city, and the Ladies of Lynd's and Mizpah Chapters, O. E. S., served delicious refreshments in the banquet hall.

Thus ends the story of the reception which in every particular was a grand and ever to be remembered success, and will reflect creditably on the Craft in Salt Lake City as long as the Temple stands.

C. D.

Bro. William James Barrette, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Christopher Diehl, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

114TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1907.

Number of Lodges (chartered), 103—Number having made returns and paid amounts due, 103—Number of members, June 30, 1907, 12,078—Net gain, 276.

Bro. Charles A. Calderwood, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Three Emergent Communications had been held during the year, for the purpose of attending the funerals of deceased Brethren, viz.: Past Grand Masters, Nathan P. Bowman and Charles R. Montague, and Past Junior Grand Deacon, George F. Flanders.

The Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form, on Wednesday, June 12, 1907, Grand Master Calderwood presiding, and a quorum of Lodge representatives being present, (83 Lodges). We note with pleasure that our Representative, R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, Eugene S. Weston, was at his post. Twenty-one Permanent Members, including five Past Grand Masters, were also in attendance.

The Grand Master's address is a plain, straightforward exposition of his year's work. He submitted no decisions, as the legions of questions asked him were fully answered by reference to the Code of Laws.

So heartily is the following passage in his address approved by the writer, save as to prerogative of G. M., that it is quoted bodily. Here is what M.: W.: Bro. Calderwood says:

“GRANTING DISPENSATIONS.”

“That a Grand Master has had from the earliest masonic time power to make masons at sight and to grant dispensations for almost any unusual course, cannot well be denied. In these days when laws are adopted for the control and guidance of masonic lodges, while these ancient prerogatives of the Grand Master still remain, I cannot think that they should be exercised to the setting aside of recognized legal authority except in case of a real emergency. I have been asked this year to exercise this dispensing power in cases where no emergency whatever existed. A man has lived in a town forty years. He has known many masons and has known as much of their pur-

poses and actions as a profane may, without applying for admission. He has no particular interest in their work and cannot see that there is anything in it for him. There comes to him an offer to go to Colorado and engage in lucrative mining industries. He must go in just one week. He thinks it would be to his advantage to be a mason and so applies to the Lodge but says that he must have the degrees within a week. Can it be done? Oh, certainly: The Grand Master can set aside any law and will do it to accommodate. Moreover the lodge will profit by twenty-five dollars. Request is made by mail or perhaps by telephone. The Grand Master is asked to exercise a power that should be held, like the pardoning power, most sacred. to accommodate a man that is plainly influenced purely grant the request? Most assuredly not. By doing so, he is by mercenary or selfish motives. Should the Grand Master simply making merchandise of his power to the pecuniary advantage of the particular lodge. The free use, or rather abuse of this power has become a reproach; masonry is cheapened; and thoughtful brethren grieved. Whatever can be had by snapping the finger can hardly be worth snapping the finger for. Thus the world reasons and reasons correctly. It is not the sole or chief purpose of masonry to get a lot of members; it exists for something higher and nobler. By-laws, wise and approved, are adopted and these by-laws should be strictly followed ordinarily. To have them set aside by the Grand Master for light and trivial causes is to belittle all law. No man confers a favor upon masonry by condescending to patronize it. Quite the contrary is the fact. Let us act as if we believed this."

The Grand Master favors consideration, by the Grand Lodge, of the question as to whether or not "documentary evidence" shall be required at the hands of strangers visiting the Lodges in Vt.

M.: W.: Bro. Calderwood decorates his address with no flowers of rhetoric, but evinces the great merit of directness in his utterances.

In his commendation of the District meeting he recommends that the expenses of a banquet be made a part of the legitimate expenses of the District Deputy.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its annual report which was accepted and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the same committee, recognition was extended by unanimous vote to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland and Puerto Rico.

In his short but good report the Grand Secretary furnishes the information that the returns of Lodges were all in, though some were a little late. He gently chided some Secretaries because their hieroglyphical hand writing was hard to decipher.

The Grand Treasurer's balance general account June 12, 1907, was the sum of \$2,063.39.

The total of the Temple Debt was \$40,500.00. Approving a recommendation of the Grand Master, the Finance Committee recommended that the salary of the chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence be increased from \$150.00 per annum to \$250.00 for same period. We are pleased to see this recognition of the eminent services of M.: W.: Bro. Perkins.

The Committee on Grand Master's Report very justly eulogized that faithful and capable officer for his wise administration of Grand Lodge affairs. The Committee also warmly commended the zealous and learned Grand Lecturer. The faithful, intelligent District Deputies also were praised for their work.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence approved the raising the salaries of the Grand Treasurer, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but did not think it expedient to legislate at this time, on the subject of "Documentary Evidence."

The Committee did not recommend any legislation as to how the other expenses of the District meetings should be met, but did recommend that the several District Deputies, at their Annual Meeting in October, take this matter into consideration and try to unite upon some uniform plan which shall be equitable and feasible by which all such expenses, including expenses of a banquet may be paid.

The Committee on Grievances made report on four cases of appeal, and the report was accepted and adopted. The Committee recommended that in future, grievances and complaints made to the Grand Master during vacation, and properly coming before this Committee, be submitted to the Committee during vacation, and when practicable, at least ten days be-

fore the meeting of Grand Lodge. For years such has been the custom in Alabama.

The "Address of the Grand Lecturer"—or report—shows that fourteen District Meetings were held—one for each of the 14 Districts of the Jurisdiction. Of the District Deputies he says:

"It is impossible for me to express in a few words, the debt of gratitude I owe to a most loyal and efficient corps of District Deputy Grand Masters, who have anticipated my every wish, leaving little for me to offer save words of commendation."

A glance through the 14 reports of the District Deputies, fully justifies the encomiums passed upon these officers by the R.: W.: Grand Lecturer.

At the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the D. D. G. M.'s, the Grand Lecturer, W. J. Vernon Dutton, delivered the opening address, which was peculiarly helpful and instructive to his hearers. On the evening of the same day, the floor work was fully exemplified in the temple lodge room. Remarks were made by Grand Master Calderwood and several other Grand Officers.

We shall be pardoned for extracting one paragraph from the Grand Master's speech. It is as follows:

"Now my Brethren, is there not a broader and a nobler side to Masonry? With all our Symbols and Ancient Landmarks, is there not something that we can exemplify in our every-day walk of life, that will lead us, as well as our brethren, into a better way of living? Can we not expect you, as the representatives of the Grand Lodge,—that Ancient and Honorable Institution—that has withstood the attack of so many enemies, to exemplify in your conduct the nobler side of Masonry?"

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Master, Marsh O. Perkins, presents another of his admirable reports on Foreign Correspondence in a series of the Proceedings of fifty-nine Jurisdictions, covering one hundred forty-seven pages.

Brother Perkins' reports are always welcome visitors to our table.

Alabama, 1906, is generously given three and one-half pages of fraternal notice.

The following is a well visited compliment to M.: W.: Brother Ben. M. Jacobs:

"The address of the acting Grand Master is an able paper of considerable length, recounting the many details of routine of a successful administration of the affairs of the Craft, suddenly and unexpectedly made his responsibility; appealing earnestly and eloquently for a favorable reconsideration of the question of the Masonic Home, and displaying throughout the spirit of Masonry that stands for the uplifting and ennobling of mankind, with the record of all summed in the following."

'So is written the history of the year. Prosperity sits at our gates. On our altars peacefully burn the fires of fraternity. The fragrant garlands of friendship are twined about our pillars. The true light comes from the East and falls in resplendent splendor upon the banner of an organization committed to the practice of every noble deed, taught to cherish every worthy thought.'

Brother Perkins was astonished at the number (27) of dispensations to form new Lodges. He skilfully summarized the address and proceedings.

He will please accept the writer's grateful thanks for his handsome commendations of the Alabama Correspondence report.

Although differing with our eminent contemporary as regards the proper attitude towards Queensland, we desire to do him justice by presenting his views on the subject, in his own words. The following is what he says:

"GRAND LODGES SEEKING RECOGNITION."

"Among the more important Masonic events brought to notice during the year may be named the erection of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, regularly organized in September, 1905, by seventeen of the eighteen Lodges in the Province, and started most auspiciously upon its career with the appropriation and blessing of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to which the lodges in Alberta were in obedience prior to the organization of its Grand Lodge. We cordially recommend recognition of the new comer as a sovereign Grand Body and a hearty response to the request for an exchange of representatives."

"It is our belief, and we so recommend, that recognition be also extended the Grand Lodge of Queensland. The history

of its organization in 1904 was fully covered by us in 1905, and frequent reference has since been made as to its progress. The fact that the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England object should not weigh. Regularly organized, vouched for by New South Wales, the mother of the Australian group of Masonic Grand Lodges, earnestly struggling for complete home government, recognition belongs to her as a matter of right and justice. At the last annual election, Grand Master Hutton was unanimously nominated to succeed himself, but declined and himself proposed His Excellency, Lord Chelmsford, who was elected Grand Master by acclamation. Hopes are entertained by our brethren of Queensland that his prompt acceptance of the honor, thus conferred upon him, will relieve in a measure the opposition of the mother Grand Lodges. Whether it does, or not, she merits the encouragement of recognition by her sister Grand Lodges of the world, and we would not have Vermont backward in that encouragement."

"A request is before our Grand Lodge for the recognition of Porto Rico. This Grand Lodge appears to have derived its Masonic origin from, and is vouched for by, the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, with which Vermont is in cordial, fraternal relations. With this in mind, the relations freely accorded the mother should no longer be denied the daughter of vouched for legitimate descent. Your committee therefore recommend that the request be granted, and that an exchange of representatives be made with the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico in the furtherance of fraternal relations."

As we have repeatedly intimated, our position on that matter is that when a majority of the Queensland Lodges actually give their adherence to the said movement, we shall gladly recommend recognition; but we do not think that a few Lodges, wanting to form a Grand Lodge, should claim Jurisdiction over the great, non-participating majority.—No, we do not—the claim that the District Grand Masters forbade the Lodges to consider the question. But the fact remains that the majority of the Lodges did not participate in the enterprise. If not let or hindered by arbitrary exercise of authority, perhaps they would have joined in the movement—and perhaps they would not have done so. We cannot tell. The right thing to do, is, for the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland to instruct these District Grand Masters to permit their respective Lodges to declare their wishes in regard to an independent Grand Lodge. All would then become serene.

Perhaps it will be considered the height of presumption for a little, old correspondent down in Alabama, to hint what the high and worthy Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, ought, or ought not to do in the premises, but, like the most of our countrymen, we will have our say.

Bro. Charles A. Calderwood, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Henry H. Ross, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

129TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Bro. Kosciusko Kemper, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 295—Members, 17,644—Raised during the year, 1,252.

The frontispiece of this volume presents the portrait of Grand Master-elect Silvanus J. Quinn.

The one hundred twenty-ninth annual communication of this influential Grand Body was opened in Ample Form, the Grand Master sitting in the Oriental Chair, and his subordinate officers at their posts. Six Past Grand Masters were present, as also were the Representatives of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not being "in it."

Grand Master K. Kemper's address deserves all the commendation bestowed upon it by Committee on the address Of the Virginia Masonic Home he says:

"This noble institution, which has such a large place in the affections of the Masons of Virginia, is in good condition and able to provide a pleasant and helpful home for the children of our deceased brethren. The finances are all that can be wished."

An important question had arisen between the Grand Lodges of Virginia and Tennessee. The gist of the question was as to whether a Tennessee Masonic Lodge can try and punish a Virginia Mason residing in Tennessee and selling intoxicating liquors in this State, in violation of an edict of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, this not being a Masonic offense in Virginia. The Tennessee Lodge had refused to sustain the

charge against a Virginia Mason residing within its Jurisdiction, but its Junior Warden had appealed the case to the Grand Master of Tennessee; hence the correspondence, always dignified and courteous, between the two Grand Masters, both sides stoutly maintaining their respective positions so far as developed, but Grand Master Kemper, not having received any reply to his last communication, seems justified in concluding that Grand Master Burrow has never decided the appeal of that J. W. or has sustained the Tennessee Lodge in its decision, and that the incident is closed.

We would like to hear from members of the Guild, generally, on the point involved.

Grand Master Kemper's letter is a strong one. Let it be enough here to state that the Committee on the address thoroughly approved his course in that matter.

We heartily agree with all of his six decisions save one—No. 4, which decided that it is not lawful to permit a Mason who is an intelligent ritualist, but who has not served as Master or Warden, to confer the degrees or any part thereof.

Of course the presiding officer—Master or Warden—must be present and responsible for whatever takes place. We are glad to see that the Jurisprudence Committee was of the opinion that no legislation on that subject was necessary.

The 6th decision holds that a member in good standing may be elected Senior Warden without regard to the question, whether or not he has ever been Junior Warden; "but no Warden can be installed until he has received the Past Master's degree, either in a provisional lodge of Past Masters or in *Royal Arch Chapter* (italics ours). We don't pretend to speak *ex cathedra*, but in our opinion, none have any right to sit in such provisional Lodge but Actual Past Masters, and Wardens-elect, if they must receive said degree, should receive it in a Lodge of Actual Past Masters. The chapter degree should have nothing to do with the ceremony.

The Grand Master had issued seven dispensations for formation of new Lodges—also three special dispensations, the reasons therefor being deemed good and sufficient. A "land

office" business had been done in the matter of laying cornerstones—19 having been laid.

The Grand Master's address was warmly applauded by the Committee on the Address.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer it is learned that the total amount of money contributed and remitted, by the Virginia Masons, for relief of the San Francisco sufferers was the sum of \$3,650.00. Charity is no stranger in Virginia Masonry.

The report of the Financial Committee shows that the net assets of Grand Lodge were \$54,246.29. The Committee finds by the Grand Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1907, that the receipts total were \$30,991.84, and after all disbursements, balance, to the good, of \$829.23.

The Committee on Property reported receipts from the Temple as \$8,833.70—excess of receipts over disbursements, \$1,317.96.

The Committee on Charters recommended that Charters issue to five Lodges U. D. and that the other two continue under dispensation. Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted its annual report which was ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Standing Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely upon certain proposed amendments to the Methodical Digest; also reported upon the revision of the Methodical Digest prepared under instructions from Grand Lodge, and in concluding its report thereon, expressed its conclusions in the form of alterations and amendments to the changes made by the revisor, noted on his report and submitted to Grand Lodge for its action. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The docket of the Standing Committee on Appeals was, we are pleased to note, without a single case.

The Standing Committee on History begged leave

"To insist that the Lodges of the Jurisdiction each appoint some wise brother to write, at least in brief, the story of the same, to be published and so placed in the archives." Adopted.

The Committee's idea is a good one, and if carried out, would prove to be of great value.

The Revised Digest as amended by the Law Committee was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Work reported unanimity on the work, and that daily sessions had been held, exemplifying catechisms and degrees at each sitting. At two of the meetings, the Committee organized a class, from among the brethren, to exemplify the work under the Committee's supervision. The meetings were very encouraging.

The five Division Lecturers, and the 50 District Deputies made report. Some of the latter were extremely short, others were quite full.

A rather hurried perusal of these makes a very favorable impression.

On recommendation of the Standing Committee on Propositions, Grand Lodge took no action on the matter of providing accommodations for Brethren visiting the Jamestown Exposition, also upon the proposition from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to celebrate the Bi-centenary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, as such action ten years in advance was deemed premature.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, presented by R.: W.: Brother Joseph W. Eggleston, Chairman of the Committee. This report is not one iota behind its predecessors in merit; and their standard was high. But, as he himself says, under Illinois—by the way, a very able review—"in the interest of economy of space," we "must confine our notice to his review of "Alabama, 1906, to which he gives two pages of his valuable space. He says:

"Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp, Virginia's Representative, was present."

Without doubt.

Again, he pays a well merited compliment to Grand Master, Ben. M. Jacobs, in the following:

"Deputy and Acting Grand Master Ben. M. Jacobs presided, he having discharged all the duties of that office during the whole year. With us he would have become Grand Master on the death of his predecessor, but their law is different. He delivered the address which was very full and able, and under their *modernized* laws, admirable." (Italics ours.) "He paid a proper tribute to the deceased Grand Master, and elsewhere in the volume is given a touching letter of gratitude from the widow."

"The decisions are clear, and seem correct. The following are particularly pleasing, in spite of our view of their permission of a profane petitioning anywhere in Alabama regardless of his local abode." (What earthly right have we to say where a profane shall petition?)

12. Jurisdiction over residents of this State is exclusive, and no Subordinate Lodge has the power to waive such jurisdiction in favor of a Lodge in a Sister Grand Jurisdiction.

13. A Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction cannot make Masons of profanes living in another Grand Jurisdiction, even though jurisdiction may be waived by a Lodge in such other Grand Jurisdictions.

14. Persons initiated, passed or raised in violation of the foregoing two edicts are irregularly made Masons, and must be "healed" before being entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

They amended their law limiting a Grand Master to one year of service instead of two.

Personally we have grave doubts as to the wisdom of establishing a "criterion" rule for limitation of Grand Master's or Master's term of office.

Brother Eggleston says:

"A remarkable case was reported in which an Alabama Lodge refused to repay a Wisconsin Relief Lodge the expenses incurred in sending the remains of one of their members from Wisconsin to Chattanooga, Tenn., and having said remains buried there. The ultimate result is that the Grand Lodge requested the Alabama Lodge to pay the whole sum, and if they refused ordered it paid out of their treasury.

"Some years ago the Grand Lodge sought to have what came to be called the "Wisconsin Proposition" adopted by all Grand Lodges, but none would consent. Its provisions were to bind any and every Lodge for any expenses incurred by any other Lodge in relieving or burying any of its members. To say

nothing of its capacity for abuse, it would not work practically; but the most serious objection is that it would take voluntary Masonic charity down from its high place and make it purely business. To yield the point that, as it has been well expressed, "Charity never creates a debt," would be to destroy Masonry and erect in its name a modern beneficial society."

"Bro. Titcomb writes a fine Foreign Correspondence report from Alabama's standpoint, which is, of course, for him, the proper one. He devotes five and one-half pages to Virginia, 1906. He vigorously attacks our view of the proper dignity and power of a Grand Master. He italicizes Bro. Davis' words 'his edicts and decisions are obeyed without question or quibble.' He does not seem to believe that it is true, saying as to decision 22, "Alas, the absolute supremacy of the Grand Master was swept away by the Grand Lodge's refusal to affirm his ruling." It was not shaken or even attacked, for the decision *was enforced*, though not affirmed, in the sense of adopted for future use as permanent law. He also said 'poor autocrat' because one of his recommendations was not adopted."

He said that the "Rough Ashlars" were 'as entertaining as a good novel.'

He asks where the history of St. John's Lodge, No. 36, written by this writer, was. We can explain by saying that it was too big for the Proceedings, and will be made into a book. He thinks endorsing a petition with a purpose of black-balling, "doing evil that good may come." There are two sides to the question, but we have no room for discussion here.

In what our Brother says about the action of our Grand Lodge in regard to the claim of a Wisconsin Relief Lodge, he inadvertently misleads the reader. The latter would, no doubt, understand from the wording that Grand Lodge requested the Alabama Lodge to pay said claim, but if the Lodge refused, ordered the bill to be paid out of the Lodge's treasury; whereas, in fact, what the Grand Lodge declared was in substance that if the Lodge in question did not pay the bill, Grand Lodge itself would pay it. It is, perhaps, needless to state that the Lodge would, by no means, suffer Grand Lodge to pay said claim, but did itself remit to said Relief Lodge every cent thereof.

Our esteemed contemporary having referred to this matter, it may not be amiss to state one or two facts having a bearing upon the same. In the first place, the Alabama Lodge thought the amount charged to it by the Wisconsin Lodge, extravagant.

In the next place, the Alabama Lodge had not been asked if it would authorize the Wisconsin Brethren to incur expense on its account, for the sick Brother or for his burial, but the bills were run up without the knowledge or consent of the home Lodge. Had that Lodge been advised or consulted, it would not have hesitated to meet all of said expenses to the extent of its ability. Suffice it to say that when our Grand Lodge intimated that its subordinate Lodge in question, ought to meet the claim, as has been already stated, it did so in full of all demands. Enough of this incident save to say that we are in full accord with Brother Eggleston in his views regarding what is designated as the Wisconsin Proposition. (By the way, Brother, please cite—vol. and page—the action taken by our Grand Lodge several years ago urging, in vain, a like policy. It has escaped our memory.)

In regard to "endorsing a petition with a purpose of blackballing," we must confess that it has but one side open to our vision. When a Brother endorses a petition, he virtually commits himself to a declaration that in his opinion, the petition is all right. But if he does this "with a purpose of blackballing," his course, according to our code of ethics, is remote from the right way. Bro. Eggleston will please accept thanks for kind personal reference.

Bro. Silvanus J. Quinn, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Gec. W. Carrington, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

49TH ANNUAL—SPOKANE—JUNE, 1906.

Bro. Abraham Lincoln Miller, M.: W.: Grand Master,
Active Chartered Lodges 137—Lodges U. D. 8—Members on
the Roll, 9,880—Net gain 883—Number raised during the year
748.

Grand Master A. L. Miller's portrait adorns the initial page of this handsome volume. Among the memorial pages appear likenesses of Past Grand Master Thomas M. Reed and Henry Ames.

At the opening of Grand Lodge twelve Grand Masters were reported present, also twelve dozen Past Masters (by our count), as well as Representatives of thirty sister Grand Lodges, Alabama's minister not included in the number.

The Grand Master, in his address, expressed his pleasure in being able to report that the condition of the craft in Washington was "especially gratifying."

He paid a feeling and eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, Thomas Milburne Reed; also one to the memory of Thomas Ames, Past Grand Master.

During the year eight Lodges had been constituted. Among these we note that one was Anvil Lodge No. 140, at Nome, Alaska, the most Northerly and Westerly situated Lodge in the United States. The Grand Master was pleased to adopt the report of Bro. John Arthur (P. G. M.) who acted as his Deputy in constituting said Lodge at Nome, as his own, bestowing unstinted praise upon that young Lodge up in the bleak, icy, Arctic region. Cold as it is up there, warm Masonic hearts, at Nome, beat to the chords of sympathy for the needy and suffering, as we shall presently discover.

The Grand Master reported twenty decisions all of which were approved except Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 29. No. 2 is as follows:

"Q. What is the position of a Mason residing here, but a member of another Jurisdiction who has been suspended?"

"*Answer*, (in effect.) "If the laws of his Jurisdiction and the laws of our Jurisdiction are the same, and he has simply been dropped for n. p. d., his is in a similar position if he had been dropped in this Jurisdiction, but if he has been suspended n. p. d. or for any other cause, under the laws of that Jurisdiction, his suspension must be removed and his reinstatement effected before he can apply for admittance to Washington Lodge."

On this decision, thus the Law Committee:

"We recommend that the following be substituted for Decision No. 2:

"The status of a Mason residing here, who has been suspended in another Jurisdiction, is the same here as in the Jurisdiction in which he was suspended."

Decision No. 3 was as follows:

"3. Dimits can be issued only to Master Masons, and a dimit given to an entered apprentice Mason in a foreign Jurisdiction cannot be recognized here."

The Committee on Jurisprudence says:

"We recommend the following as a substitute for decision No. 3:"

"In this Jurisdiction dimits can be issued to Master Masons only. The validity of a dimit granted in a foreign Jurisdiction to an entered Apprentice Mason is determined by the law of the Jurisdiction which issued it."—Correct, a dimit is merely a certificate of good standing.

No. 5 reads as follows:

"A Lodge has no right to remit an initiation fee, and if the ballot is favorable, and there is no question of Jurisdiction, the fee becomes the property of the Lodge, and goes into the general fund to be disposed of in the manner provided for the disposal of Lodge funds, but the Lodge may dispose of its funds in any way it sees fit, so long as it does so in the manner provided by its by-laws, Masonic customs and laws in general."

The Committee recommended that

"Decision No. 5 be modified by omitting all thereof after the words, 'property of the Lodge.'"

The Committee's substitute for No. 20 was as follows:

"The use of any cipher or key is improper and unlawful. The law of this Jurisdiction relative to ciphers is found in a certain obligation well known to all brethren initiated in our Lodges."—Good.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, in regard to the Grand Master's decisions.

Six corner stones had been laid—two Lodge halls dedicated—three special dispensations granted for various purposes—a like number refused to petitioners for leave to confer degrees out of time; and one, to confer the degrees on a person physically disqualified. By dispensation he had permitted fourteen changes in place of meeting.

He had granted dispensations for the formation of eight new Lodges. We note that on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, charters were granted to five Lodges U. D.—two of the eight, were continued U. D., and one (Kem-

wick Lodge) was referred back to Grand Lodge for, either continuance of its dispensation or withdrawal of the same as Grand Lodge should see fit. Committee on Returns and Work, later, reported that the report from Kemwick Lodge had not been received by the Secretary, and was not included in the statistics presented. Entire report of the Committee adopted.

In his excellent report, the Grand Secretary had the pleasure of stating that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on March 22, last, rescinded her edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington—good news.

The Grand Treasurer, in his recapitulation, states the following balances cash on hand:

General Fund -----	\$17,640 07
Masonic Home Fund -----	4,994.55
Special Charity Fund -----	1,669.11
Total Grand Lodge assets, (interest bearing), together with cash on hand -----	\$54,404.51

The Grand Lecturer reported his work of the year. In concluding his report he made a suggestion that petitions for dispensation to form new Lodges should not receive the same until they have been furnished with a certificate, from the Grand Lecturer or from one of the custodians of the work, that the officers of the proposed Lodge are competent to confer the three degrees.

The suggestion was ‘snowed under.’

The Grand Lodge of Washington contributed to the California sufferers, \$500.00.

Anvil Lodge No. 140, at Nome, young though it was, gave, by its lone self, to the San Francisco Masons the sum of \$450.00. A noble, warm-hearted deed on the part of those Brethren in the frozen North.

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

Exemplification of the work in the several degrees took place at intervals during the sitting of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

A very impressive address on Masonry was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. Jeremiah Neterer. Referring to the advancement of the institution, he thought it "Yet in the kindergarten of development."

The Colorado circular suggesting a Collegium or Grand Lecturers from the various Grand Jurisdictions, was referred to the custodians of the work, who, so far as we have discovered, did not report thereon at the communication under review.

The Committee on Obituaries made a short, most appropriate report. At the hour set for special memorial addresses, Past Grand Masters, Edwin H. Van Patten and John Arthur delivered able and interesting addresses on the lives and characters of Thomas Milburne Reed and Thomas Ames. These two addresses fill sixteen and a half pages of the Proceedings. Too long for copying here. Resolutions passed by two constituent Lodges, on the death of the late Grand Secretary, one also here printed, as well as a telegram of condolence sent by Grand Secretary Bro. Cornelius Hedges of Montana.

Anvil Lodge No. 140, at Nome, could not send a representative to Grand Lodge, while isolated by snow and ice, but the W. M. of said Lodge had duly appointed M.: W.: Bro. John Arthur as his proxy, the latter being a nominal member of Anvil Lodge. The question was raised as to the legality of such representation. Referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, the writer reported in favor of seating Bro. Arthur, but said report was disapproved. Quite a lengthy discussion ensued on the presentation of the committee's report, participated in for the most part, by P. G. M.'s Bro. Chadwick and Upton, Bro. Upton for and Bro. Chadwick against, the committee's report. The law requires that proxies shall be active members of the Lodges they come to represent. Technically Bro. Arthur was not entitled to a seat as representative of Anvil Lodge, but, in view of the situation of said Lodge, of its fine Lodge work, and its noble charity, we would have inclined to strain a point and admit said proxy.

Several committee reports, and some resolutions offered, are here left without notice, not because they were unimportant, but to economize space.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence presented by Past Grand Master Stephen James Chadwick, Committee on Correspondence, is a very able one, in which he reviews the Proceedings of 59 Grand Jurisdictions—three for two years—and covering 118 pages of the printed Proceedings.

Alabama-1905 receives most courteous attention. His complimentary reference personal to the writer is gratefully appreciated.

The spirit of his conclusion is excellent. Therefrom we extract the following:

"It is customary to write conclusions, otherwise this part of my task would not be done. There are great men at the round table who have power and learning to leave their work with a message freighted with wholesome advice, historical allusion, critical comment, or mere nothingness so set to words that it emphasizes the solid part of their work, or affords a recreation after the long task is done.

"I am not one of them. I have no message except to my brethren of the Jurisdiction of Washington, and that is to be found in the pages gone before this one. To tell them what there is of interest in this day and hour of Masonry has been the object of my labor. I have sought in this my first effort to be a reporter rather than an editor, a news gatherer rather than an instructor. To say that I have enjoyed every minute of my time at the round table would to state to the truth; to say that it has been the happiest time of my life would not be true; for the pleasure has been tempered by many elements that to the reflective mind bear burdens of apprehension, pain and sorrow. To pass before a company so critical is to be spurred by the keen lance point of apprehension; to note at times the disloyalty of those who know the beauties and obligations of Masonry, and the abuse of privilege by those who do not comprehend its meaning and purpose, causes pain; and to read the passing of the Patriarchs causes sorrow. In all the work of my contemporaries I have found nothing that was not earnest, elevating and noble. Opinions have been expressed with gentleness, and positions defended with courtesy. For them all I have unbounded respect."

Bro. Edw. Franklin Waggoner, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Horace Walter Tyler, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

50TH ANNUAL—TACOMA—JUNE, 1907.

Chartered Lodges (active) 142—Lodges U. D. 9—No. of Master Masons, on roll, 10,903—Net gain, 1,023.

We must compliment Grand Secretary, H. W. Tyler upon the excellence of execution this volume exhibits. Its embellishment, in the way of portraits, are fine.

Bro. Edw. F. Waggoner, M.: W.: Grand Master—who presided at this communication. It is with pleasure that we notice the presence of our Representative, Brother Henry L. Elliott among the party who appeared for Sister Grand Lodges. It is also noticeable that fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. All the Subordinate Lodges but two were represented—a fine showing.

Grand Master Waggoner's address is introduced by an exordium which commands the assent of all who are Freemasons at heart. In the course of his opening paragraphs he said:

"Every symbol, every thought, every lesson impressed, touches a responsive chord in the human heart, resultant in higher aspirations and a desire to enter the door of opportunity and accept the responsibility of using the talents wherewith the Creator has been pleased to endow us, not only to his glory, but for the welfare of humanity."

"Everywhere that Masonry has been taught and practiced, the imprint of our institution has been indelibly stamped upon the pages of history recording growth and progress; its adherents, ever and at all times, recognized as standing for the highest type of moral development and citizenship."

He announced the death of Past Grand Master Wm. H. Upton, of Deputy Grand Master (1874) Thos. Cranney; Senior Grand Warden (1874) Adolphus F. Learned; Senior Grand Warden (1887) Benj. L. Sharpstein, and "many good and noble brethren" of the Subordinate Lodges.

He mentioned the dedication of the splendid New Temple at Spokane—Had laid four corner-stones—had constituted five Lodges, and had rendered ten decisions, which he submitted to Grand Lodge. All of these decisions were approved, on

recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee except No. 6, which was as follows:

"Decision No. 6. A Lodge having received the petition for the Degrees, and not having acted upon same prior to removal of the applicant to another Jurisdiction, cannot elect the applicant to receive the Degrees in that Lodge."

The Law Committee recommends "That decision No. 6 be not approved," as in the opinion of your committee Jurisdiction is acquired at the time the petition is presented and accepted."

The Grand Master made seven recommendations, two of which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, the other five being disapproved. Among those disapproved was No. 4, which was as follows:

"Fourth. The submission of an amendment specifically stating what defects may be allowed, and what defects shall be considered a barrier to receiving the Degrees in this Jurisdiction, thus avoiding further decisions with reference to physical qualifications."

With this the Committee did not concur, saying:

"Your Committee are of the opinion that the present provision of the Code should govern the Lodges, or the M.: W.: Grand Master, should the case be referred to him."

The Grand Master had granted eight special dispensations, but had refused ten. He did not propose to ride rough-shod over the organic law.

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary H. W. Tyler is a model officer. From his financial statement we find that the total cash and investments were \$27,885.16. Total of charity Fund, \$2,400.05. Disbursements for Charity, \$550.00. Grand Treasurer's statement of Special Charity Fund is same as the Grand Secretary's.

Total balance on hand, and receipts during the year, Masonic Home Fund, \$11,220.00, all of which had been paid out, turned into investments. Total Grand Lodge assets \$52,784.30.

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the same Committee recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was, for good reasons presented by the Committee, "postponed for the present." Also consideration of Guatemala's request was put off till next session of the Grand Lodge, but the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was repealed. Pythagoras Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the G. L. of Hamburg, and started in New York, *was, but is not.*

Our eminent contemporary Brother W. A. De-Wolf Smith, of British Columbia was a visitor to Grand Lodge, and most heartily welcomed.

R.: W.: Bro. Ralph C. McAlister, Special Committee to secure data as to the need of a Masonic Home, made his report on the subject. Bro. McAlaster proved himself a faithful worker in that field of effort. His report was referred to Committee on the Address for segregation and reference.

The special Committee on "Cremation Service," appointed at last Annual, filed its report with the Grand Secretary, the same having been duly approved by the Grand Master."

The Grand Representatives present, were received and welcomed in the accustomed way.

The Grand Lecturer announced that the Past Master's Degree would be conferred at 7:30 p. m.

If that Degree has any right to exist, it surely belongs to Symbolic Masonry.

The Grand Orator delivered an address dealing with "the intellectual parentage and endowment of the Orders." and considering Masonic duty. It was an able discourse, but in this hasty paper we could only glance at it.

A preamble and resolution looking to the advancement of the object of the Hague Conference, by proper Masonic effort, viz: the ultimate disarmament of nations, were read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, which promptly recommended adoption of the same. As human nature stands, it would seem that the most effective way to ensure peace is to be prepared for war.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and new

Lodges, Charters were granted to three Lodges whose dispensations were continued last year—Charters were also granted to four Lodges U. D., also to two similar Lodges when they shall have "spread their dispensations on their minute books. The Committee gave each Lodge wholesome advice as how to keep their records.

A very able and interesting memorial of Past Grand Master William H. Upton was presented, and ordered printed in the Proceedings. It was quite lengthy, occupying thirteen closely printed pages.

It is matter of regret that we could not furnish to our readers, Past Grand Master and Correspondence Committee, Brother Stephen J. Chadwick's able and instructive report on "Recognition of Scottish Rite Masons," in which he recommended non-concurrence with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in Lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to the right of visitation and affiliation, under the usual Masonic recitations, the same as if made in Lodges of our own obedience."

The Jurisprudence and Finance Committees made a joint report on the recommendation of the establishment of "a Masonic Home and Relief Committee," recommending that the subject be referred to the Finance Committee to formulate a system or plan therefor and to report the same at next annual. Adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence, presented by Past Grand Master Chadwick, is one of the best of the year. He is generous to Alabama, 1906, giving us nearly four pages of courteous notice. Quoting Grand Master Jacobs (acting) on the subject of rail-roading candidates through the degrees, he says:

"It is to be regretted that Bro. Jacobs did not take occasion to act upon his better judgment and refuse all requests" * * *

"We would suggest to our brethren of Alabama that the 'way to quit is to quit.'"

He makes himself merry in the following:

"Eleven corner stones were laid. Churches, schools, court houses, Masonic temples, and a Jewish synagogue were among the number. One of them was a Methodist church at Holland's Gin. Now, we haven't the slightest idea what Holland's Gin is, but we suspect that being plural it is our "old friend and brother" Holland Gin, but double distilled. Really Masonry is enlarging its sphere. Bro. Vanderleith and some others are standing aghast at its invasion of the precincts of Tom Gin, and Cyrus Noble and Old Oscar Pepper, and now to call up the reserves, to hurl the left wing of the army at the enemy! A Grand Lodge of Masons laying a corner stone for a Methodist church at Holland's Gin. What next? We shall mention this circumstance to our Presiding Elder."

Sorry to spoil his fun—but, listen:

If Brother Chadwick lived in the cotton-belt, he would know that "gin" is a contraction or abbreviation of the word, engine: hence we say cotton gin instead of cotton engine. The "gin" in question belonged to a Mr. Holland. Not much smell of Juniper about that, is there? He says:

"The Grand Master makes an eloquent plea in behalf of Bro. Beauchamp, the Grand Secretary, who has been clearly over-worked, and also in behalf of the Masonic Home. He closes with a very pretty sentiment." Then quotes that close.

Again he says:

"We would like to quote extensively from the Correspondence report, but space forbids. Bro. Titcomb must keenly enjoy his work, for there is humor as well as reason in all his reports. He gives Washington about four pages, reporting in detail the legislation of our Grand Lodge, quoting with approval Bro. Upton's report on Queensland, and cries 'Bravo' upon observing our resolution to at once secure a site for a Masonic Home. He compliments Bro. Upton very highly, but regrets his unfortunate insinuation against the Southern people in his report of Wyoming, (our 1905 Proceedings), saying:

"It is matter for regret that his last report should be marred by an assertion as unfortunate as it is unwarrantable."

"We share with Bro. Titcomb this feeling, and take this occasion to assure him that the remark in no sense reflects the feeling or opinion of the Masons of this Jurisdiction. It was of such stuff that our troubles in 1898 was made, and Bro. Upton seemed never to have realized that the agitation or the ne-

gro question would of necessity produce a passion and prejudice that would not down. He was incapable of seeing the injustice of his position, and died as strong in his strange faith as he had ever been. The remark was the voice of disappointment. His lances shattered, he hurled a stone. But Bro. Upton is dead, and let us hope that with him will pass forever the most unpleasant episode in the history of American Free-masonry. Accept through the mediumship of this report, Dear Brothers, the humble apology of the Grand Lodge of Washington."

We have always been of the opinion that Brother Chadwick was "all right." His sentiments do him honor. His kind remark personal to the writer is greatly appreciated. We must not omit to declare the Grand Lodge of Washington "all right" too, now.

It is with real regret that passages we have marked in Brother Chadwick's Report, must be left unnoticed.

At suitable intervals the several degrees were exemplified.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. Horace W. Tyler, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PROCEEDINGS FROM APRIL, 1906, TO APRIL, 1907.

Number of Lodges, 81. Members, 3,744. Net gain, 60.

Bro. the Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Bishop of Perth, M.: W.: Grand Master, Bro. J. D. Stevenson, V.: W.: Grand Master.

As an exponent of the Masonic spirit and brotherly feeling which actuates our Brethren in Western Australia, we quote the opening passages of the Grand Master's address at the July Quarterly, as follows:

"Worshipful Brethren and Brethren,—Again we meet, I trust under the Divine guidance, to carry out our Masonic duties and thus to advance one step more towards the realising of our great ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We assemble under happy auspices. We are progressing, we are happy, we are longing to be more brotherly. We have, judging by our past wonderful history, a good hope for a prosperous future. Our progress, naturally, at present is not by "leaps and bounds" as it used to be, but it is steady and sure. The State is becoming more settled and its population increases at a steady

rate: so does our Constitution. At the present time there is not, in my opinion, room for any more Lodges, for new towns are not now being continually formed as was the case a few years ago, and in every existing town of any considerable population there is now a Lodge established."

"With reference to the subject which is always uppermost in our minds, viz.: the Union of all other Lodges in the State with our own, I will say this, another Lodge—the Fingal—has joined our ranks, and I understand that others are thinking of doing the same. The personal friendship between the vast majority of Scotch Freemasons and ourselves is of the most cordial nature. In fact, I never hear an angry word or an ill-natured remark and I honestly believe that if it were not for a few men, who, out of a mistaken idea of loyalty to Scotland, fight earnestly against union, there would be no Scottish Question to consider."

"I do not know that I can be convicted of disloyalty to England because I helped to form a Constitution for Western Australia any more than a man can be said to be disloyal to his parents who takes to himself a wife and founds a new home. It cannot be too often repeated that when Scotch Freemasons join us, they are not giving up Scotland for England, but are joining a new Constitution in which they form a not inconspicuous part. It appears to be to be a cause for regret that supposed loyalty to England, Ireland, or Scotland should compel Freemasons to forget the claims of Freemasonry in Western Australia."

During the quarter ending in July the Grand Master had made 18 official visitations, and issued 21 dispensations. In concluding his address, he said of the Report on Foreign Correspondence:

"In reading the report I marked passages which I thought would be useful to quote in this communication, but I find I have read so many good things, and I have marked so many good passages, it would be impossible to quote them. I feel certain that if you procure the report you will not rest satisfied until you have read its pages for yourselves."

"One sentence only, will I recite. In the report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, page 140, I find: 'The Craftsman whom we accept is not a candidate for membership to a benefit society, but a *man*, emphatically a *man* desirous of rendering service to his fellow-men.' I hope all W. M.'s will impress this Grand ideal upon every candidate."

Those words deserve to be written in letters of gold.

The Board of Benevolence reported Relief granted, during the quarter, to the amount of \$740.64.

At the October Quarterly the Grand Master reported sixteen official visitations and the granting of 23 dispensations. He hoped that every brother would vote in favor of recommendation from the Board of General Purposes that some \$1,200.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Widows, Orphans and Aged Freemasons' Fund.

The Grand Master had accepted an invitation to be present at the installation of Lord Chelmsford as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

He had received a request from the Goldfields District Grand Lodge of the S. C. for a conference between representatives of the two Scottish District Grand Lodges and this Grand Lodge (G. L. of W. A.) with a view to the restoration of fraternal intercourse among all the Lodges of the two constitutions without prejudice to the existing rights of this Grand Lodge. Subsequently the Board of General Purposes recommended the granting of said request. May that be an entering wedge promoting harmony and leading to recognition by Scotland!

The Grand Master expatiated, at some length, on the true mission of Masonry.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes for the quarter ending October 28, 1906, we learn that the Board had received a petition from Breadalbane Lodge No. 905 S. C., praying for a transfer of allegiance. The Board recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. The Board also recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and further recommended that \$1,200.00 be voted from the General Fund as an inaugural devotion to the West Australian Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund.

For the second quarter, the Board of Benevolence reported grants of relief to the amount of \$653.16.

As showing good condition of Grand Lodge affairs, we clip from the address, the following:

FINANCES.

"The financial position of Grand Lodge continues to improve. The balance to the credit of the General Fund is now £3,249;

the Benevolent Fund has £2,237; and the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund £1,002; making together a total credit balance of £6,489 6s. 5d. The Freemason's Hall has a surplus of assets in excess of liabilities amounting to £19,569 4s. 9d. In connection with the finances there is again great cause for congratulation in the fact that for the fifth year in succession there is not a single Lodge in the entire Jurisdiction in arrears, a record which I venture to think cannot be beaten the world over. The financial position of the private Lodges is, generally speaking, very satisfactory.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP.

In 1900 this Grand Lodge was established with 33 Lodges and a membership estimated at 2,000. We have now 81 Lodges on the roll, with a financial membership of 3,743, showing an increase for the present year of 57. This is the smallest annual increase on record, and it no doubt reflects the temporary depression existing in the State during the past twelve months, but which we have every reason to hope will soon pass away. The Lodge exhibiting the largest membership increase during the year is Katanning Lodge with 10, while the greatest falling off is in the Harding Lodge at Roebourne, which has lost no less than 40 members. This is to be explained by the fact that while the Lodge was holding under England it had a large membership resident in the southern part of the State which only paid a nominal subscription. Now that the Lodge is required to pay Grand Lodge dues for every member on its roll it became necessary to have the names removed by resignation and this process which has been deferred for so long, took place during the year with the result mentioned."

Scant space at command, precludes an attempt to do justice to this well-executed volume of Proceedings. Suffice it to say that this young Grand Lodge is "up to date" in the conduct of its affairs, and—better still—is, conspicuously, "on the firing line" in the Great Army of Masonic Benevolence.

We note that Alabama's Representative, V.: W.: Bro. A. H. Henning was one of the 29 Grand Representatives present, received and welcomed by the Grand Master, who himself represents England.

We also note with pleasure that the Grand Secretary was granted six months' leave of absence on full pay, to visit the "old country," on urgent private business, and a temporary officer provided by Grand Lodge, at about \$60.00 a month, to attend to the secretariat, in Bro. Stevenson's absence.—Nothing small about our W. A. Brethren.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consists of seven members, with Bro. Stevenson chairman of the committee.

The work done is a review of the Proceedings of 62 Grand Lodges—three for two years. The committee is very modest; but this—its second venture into the field reportorial,—is evidently the work of men to whom the reviewer's task is no novelty, so intelligently is the labor performed.

In the distribution of the volumes to be reviewed, Alabama fell to the lot of Bro. McMullen, who judiciously summarizes our proceedings, giving them a little over two pages of fraternal notice.

Under District of Columbia, Bro. Lavater of the committee takes issue with the Jurisprudence Committee of said Grand Lodge as to the rights possessed by a Lodge of Past Masters. We agree with our brother of W. A. Furthermore we contend that nominal Past Masters made such in Royal Arch Chapter, have no right to sit in a Lodge or Association of Actual Past Masters conferring the degree for installation of a Master for a Blue Lodge. In short, we see no use or relevancy in having the nominal P. M. degree in the chapter.

Under New Zealand, Bro. Stevenson's views of the controversy between Great Britain and New Zealand meet our unqualified approval.

But we must leave much interesting matter in these excellent papers unnoticed for lack of space.

Bro. The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Perth, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. J. D. Stevenson, V.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

42D ANNUAL—HUNTINGTON—NOVEMBER, 1906.

Bro. George W. McClintle, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 130; Lodges U. D., 7; Membership this year, 11,006; net gain, 883 Master Masons.

On the first page of this volume, appears the portrait (half tone) of Grand Master-elect Bro. Tom G. Strickler, who looks like a business man. Thirteen Past Grand Masters manifested their interest in Masonry by being present at the Annual Communication. Also twenty-two Grand Representatives showed their appreciation of the honor done them, in their appointment, by answering to roll call. But where was Bro. J. A. Miller, Alabama's minister, Bro. Howard? At a suitable juncture, the Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

The address of the Grand Master commends him to the Craft as a prudent and faithful administrator of Grand Lodge affairs. He had issued twenty-six special dispensations, for reasons which had appealed to him as good and sufficient. For like reasons he had refused three requests for dispensation. He had issued the same authority for the establishment of four Lodges U. D.

He recommended that Grand Lodge take appropriate action to further the plan proposed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for celebration of the bi-centenary of the organization of the first Grand Lodge of Free Masons.

The Grand Master reported two decisions, viz.:

"1. A young man under age lived with his mother in Virginia. He went to Texas and remained a number of years, reaching the age of 21 there. His mother moved to West Virginia. The young man, never having resided in West Virginia claimed the same as his residence because his mother lived here, and presented his petition to a Lodge in West Virginia, which petition was refused."

"Held, That the refusal was right, as actual residence of the person for some period of time is necessary to gain a residence and give Masonic Jurisdiction."

"2. A candidate who has lost all the fingers of his left hand is eligible for the mysteries of Freemasonry."

He earnestly recommended that a regulation be adopted requiring of a person moving out of one Lodge jurisdiction into another, twelve months' residence in the latter jurisdiction to make him eligible for initiation, even both Lodges being within the State of West Virginia.

Before concluding his address, the Grand Master forcibly said:

"I feel that I cannot close this report without referring to a subject which might create differences of opinion among us. I mean the question of saloon keepers or dealers in liquors being members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction."

"I take it for granted that no saloon keeper can, as an original proposition, join a Lodge in this State, but many Lodges are afflicted with the membership of many members, who took up this business after receiving the degrees. What shall be done about these? Overlooking this question will not solve it. It must at some time be met face to face. The sentiment in business and society is against the liquor business, and the persons engaged in it are pushed to the outer circles. This is getting stronger. It is useless to point out the fact that many of the persons engaged in this business are public spirited, charitable in their communities, and are called generous men and good citizens. I will admit this, but it does not meet the issue. The business remains as it was and the people engaged in it are contaminated by it, and any contaminated person affects others. Should not we as a moral force in every community at least purge our ranks of persons whom, as a new proposition, we would not think of admitting? I submit to you the question and ask your careful consideration thereof."

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in a healthy condition, as witness the report of the Grand Treasurer:

"Balance on hand this date, \$11,390 57."

The Grand Secretary in his excellent report, makes some remarks that must appeal strongly to the Brethren. He has received numerous applications for sets of the W. Va. Proceedings. He has been unable to comply with such requests, or even to direct the applicants to a source whence such can be obtained. Indeed his Grand Lodge itself has not a full set of its own proceedings. Those of 1903-1904, 1905, are all that are in his possession. He hopes, however, to remedy this in a measure by contributions from his own private set so far as he can, and seek elsewhere for missing years. He says:

"I feel that if, as has been suggested and urged time and time again, a library had been established, and our really valuable collection of books and pamphlets of many hundred volumes been catalogued and shelved instead of being stored away in boxes, this unfortunate state of affairs would probably not now exist."

It is to be hoped that vigorous, persistent efforts will be promptly made to assist the Grand Secretary in his praiseworthy undertaking.

The Grand Lecturer, in his report, said that the Lodges as a whole, were doing correct work, so far as he could gather. A few of the Lodges which were not as well posted in the ritual as they should be, had failed to secure the services of a lecturer.—That is generally the case. Lodges that greatly need an instructor do not want him.

On recommendation in a special report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Queensland, but consideration of the application of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico and the Grand Orient of Brazil, was postponed for further investigation.

In regard to the Grand Lodge of Alberta there arises no question of the propriety of admitting said Grand Lodge to Masonic fellowship, but to the mind of the writer such questions as regards the Grand Lodge of Queensland does appeal, under existing circumstances. In his report on the latter Grand Lodge, Brother Howard, at some length very ably puts the case, from his point of view. In order to do him justice, we reproduce a large part of his report on this subject:

"We are well aware that the Lodges in the Province of Queensland, 152 in number, held their warrants under either the Grand Lodge Constitution of England, Scotland or Ireland, all exercising co-ordinate jurisdiction in the province at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that 25 of the 26 Irish Lodges, 14 of the 64 Scottish Lodges, and none of the English Lodges participated in the convention forming the new Grand Lodge, but all of said Lodges had notice of the time and place of holding said convention. As a precedent we need only refer to the formation of our own Grand Lodge. Virginia had 39 Lodges on her roster in what is now West Virginia, and only nine of them met in convention by delegates and organized themselves into our present Grand Lodge. (See report of special committee Virginia Grand Lodge, 1866.) Whether the other 24 Lodges had notice of this convention we are not advised; at any rate they had nothing to do with it. The regularity of our Grand Lodge was attacked, and bitter opposition to its recognition made by some of the other Grand Lodges. Our brethren who organized it, contended, and rightfully, too, that all of the rules absolutely necessary to be ob-

served in order to make the new Grand Lodge legal and regular had been observed, and were five in number, viz:

"1. The district within which the new Grand Lodge is to be located shall be a separate State or Territory.

"2. There shall at the time be no Grand Lodge existing within the limits of such State or Territory.

"3. There should be at least three chartered Lodges in active existence within such State or Territory and consenting to the formation of a Grand Lodge.

"4. They shall meet in convention as lodges and not as individuals.

"5. The newly-elected Grand Master shall be installed by some Past Grand Master, or by the senior Past Master present.

'Have these requirements been met by our brethren of the Queensland Grand Lodge? We say they have: 1. Queensland is a separate State or Territory, being a province of Great Britain. 2. There was no Grand Lodge existing within the province, all of the Lodges within the province being of the obedience of Grand Lodges 'far away, over the seas.' 3. There was more than the required number of Lodges in the province consenting to the formation of a Grand Lodge. 4. Thirty-nine Lodges, as Lodges, and not as individuals, were represented in the convention. 5. The Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge was installed by the Grand Master of New South Wales, a Grand Lodge recognized by our Grand Lodge and with which we are in fraternal correspondence.

"Thus it will be seen that the chain of regularity is complete, as every one of the foregoing requirements has met with strict compliance by our Queensland brethren, the same as was claimed by West Virginia forty years ago when she, like Queensland now, was knocking at the doors of the world's Grand Lodges for recognition.

"It may be said that there was good and sufficient reasons for the majority of the Lodges holding warrants from and owing obedience to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, not attending the convention and joining in the movement. Grant it that this is true, the fact remains the same that they had notice and the opportunity to do so and vote down the proposition, and does not in the least detract from or affect the general principles and rules governing the formation of new Grand Lodges as laid down by the best and most competent Masonic authorities, and adopted and acted upon by our own Grand Lodge in its formation and organization.

"The Grand Lodge of Queensland having fulfilled, in our opinion, all the conditions necessary and required to give it a regular and legal existence, we believe recognition should be extended to it, therefore, we offer the following:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of West Virginia does hereby fully and fraternally recognize the Grand Lodge of

Queensland, Australia, and orders that its name be entered on its list of corresponding Grand Lodges.

"Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
H. R. Howard, Chairman."

In the opinion of the writer, conclusions on this matter should hinge upon the question whether or not a majority of the Lodges in the territory affected, have participated in the movement.

The thing thus presents itself to the writer: In unoccupied territory there are 152 Lodges; 39 of those Lodges held a convention and set up a Grand Lodge, without the expressed consent of the 113 other Lodges, and claim authority over the whole number of Lodges in the territory. They claim to have notified the non-participating Lodges of their purpose in holding such convention, but that mere notification does not bind those other Lodges to any action taken by this minority convention. Such an idea is repugnant to free men as well as Free Masons. An underlying principle in Masonry is that there must be consent of the governed to justify imposition of any given law. We permit no taxation without representation. It needs not to amplify on this subject. The point here presented is our sole contention as to Queensland. Let but a majority of those 152 Lodges espouse the movement, and no one will recommend recognition with greater alacrity than the writer.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to five Lodges U. D., and the dispensation of one, was continued until next annual communication.

Through the report of the Grievance Committee it is learned that in W. Va. reversal of Lodge sentences of suspension or expulsion, by Grand Lodge restores to membership as well as Masonic rights.—We do not approve the same.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the two decisions of the Grand Master and in connection with the second, recommended amendment of the "General Laws and Regulations," requiring one year's residence within the jurisdiction of a Lodge before initiation therein.

The Committee heartily commended the Grand Master's "timely suggestions in regard to the liquor traffic."

The committee's report was adopted. On same line, the committee passed the following:

"INTOXICATING LIQUORS."

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported the following:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia:
"Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully presents for your consideration the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That from and after the adoption of this resolution, those persons who in the future shall be engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes, shall be considered ineligible for initiation or affiliation in any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Several amendments were offered, and finally one was accepted by the committee, when, on motion of Past Grand Master McClintic, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That from and after the adoption of this resolution, those persons who in the future shall be engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes, shall be considered ineligible for initiation or affiliation in any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Any member of any Lodge in this Jurisdiction who shall hereafter engage in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes, shall be considered guilty of unmasonic conduct, and it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of such Lodge to prefer charges against any such member, and upon trial and conviction thereof, the Lodge shall expel such member; but it is understood that this resolution shall not be retroactive."

Our W. Va. Brethren desire to have a permanent Temple at the State Capital. They have set apart \$6,000 out of their present fund to be lent on good real estate security, or invested in U. S. Bonds the accruing interest to be added to the principal and furthermore will set apart annually \$3,000.00 to be disposed of in the same way until the accumulations will enable them to buy a Temple.

No doubt, ere very long, a fine edifice will rise to be an ornament to the city, and a credit to the Craft.

The California Grand Master's "Relief Report" credits the Grand Lodge of W. Va. with contribution of \$375.00 in aid of the San Francisco sufferers by fire and earthquake.

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Alas! Having consumed the space to be spared for West Virginia, we can barely mention the No. 1 report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Brother H. R. Howard, (P. G. M.) Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is as full of good things as "an egg is of meat." He generously and courteously devotes to Alabama-1905 nearly five pages of print, giving a synopsis of our proceedings. He very kindly says of the writer:

"He touches upon almost every question now being discussed in Masonic circles, and in a style and manner peculiarly his own. I feel if our Alabama brethren read this report through they will be thoroughly informed on all the news of the Masonic world, and be better men and Masons for it, to say nothing of the pleasure derived from the information obtained."

But he criticizes our expression, "Good Masonic law," and says:

"(By the way, law is law, how can it be comparatively good or bad?)"

Dear Brother, reflect a moment. A legislative enactment, approved by the Governor, is the law of the land. Did you never hear of such enactment, effected by means of bribery, or corrupt practices, which statute was a positively bad law; or have there not been some not so bad, and of others still better, while another meets the needs of the people, and is a really good law?

Brother Howard will please accept our grateful thanks for his commendation of our report.

Bro. Tom G. Strickler, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. H. R. Howard, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

63RD ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—JUNE, 1907.

Chartered Lodges, 254—Making returns, 254—Represented 247—Members 22,974—Net gain 356.

Bro. Edwin J. Farr, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, Tuesday, June 11, 1907, with Grand Master Farr in the Grand East and the other Grand Officers, except the Senior Grand Steward in their respective places.

From the Grand Master's Address, it is learned that he had granted dispensations to form three new Lodges. Of other dispensations he had issued 80—"25 for the purpose of permitting the Order of Eastern Star, and other bodies to hold their meetings in Masonic Lodge rooms, and 55 were issued to dispense with constitutional provisions."

What is the use of a constitution if any Grand Master may dispense with its provisions at his own pleasure? As to the "25," we respectfully submit that, if a Lodge hall has been dedicated it should be used solely for Masonic purposes.

The first of the Grand Master's three decisions reported, is undoubtedly correct, but to the second and third we venture to demur.

The second decision held that, when a member of a Lodge is accused of the crime of embezzlement and is arrested, while it is within the province of the Lodge to prefer charges, it is advisable to wait until the civil courts have decided.

Not so does the writer think. Masonry is a law unto itself. The Lodge, in such a case should act independently of the courts. At least such is our opinion. The Lodge being a voluntary association, having its own code of laws—its own standard of right, should, when one of its members is charged with wrong doing, proceed to investigate the matter regardless of any outside tribunal.

Sometimes it occurs in the courts of the country that the guilty escape, and the innocent are punished—perhaps through technical flaws; perhaps by chicanery, or perhaps through a packed jury, or a jury, including one or more dishonest parties.

Irrespective of such considerations, the Lodge owes it to itself, as well as to the accused, not to wait for any other body to pass upon the merits of the case, but to promptly apply thereto the test which its own laws afford.

The third decision ruled that a Lodge could legally receive the petition of a man employed in a Brewery, if he was not a stockholder in the corporation and received from the company no other remuneration than that for his daily labor.

Again we ejaculate:

"Strange what difference there should be
'Twixt tweedledum and tweedledee."

All the work done in the various departments of the brewery or distillery, is for the production of "liquid damnations" to go down the thirsty throats of the multitude who spend their earnings for "booze" instead of for bread their wives and children hunger for.

The Grand Master had held three special communications, two in person, one by proxy, for the purpose of dedicating Lodge Halls.

He had visited a number of the Subordinate Lodges. Most of them were in a healthy condition, and keeping clear watch on the outer dcor. "Most commendable," says he.

Referring to the Grand Lecturer, he said that some of the older Masons taught by the late Brother Youngs, at first kicked at the minor though essential and important changes introduced by Bro. Jacob Dreher, the present efficient Grand Lecturer; but these Brethren have since acknowledged that Brother Dreher has the accredited, pure and correct work and like true Masons have accorded him his due meed of praise.

He strongly condemns political methods—electioneering for or against a candidate for office. We heartily concur. The members of the craft should rise in their might and stamp out the unseemly and pernicious practice.

He is sound on "Prerogatives of Grand Master," nevertheless he had granted 55 dispensations to set aside the law, deeming it, doubtless, to the interest of Masonry that he should do so.

We endorse his catalogue of instances of unmasonic conduct.

He recommended that these be embodied in a circular and sent to all the Lodges with directions to conform thereto.

Grand Secretary R.: Bro. W. W. Perry states that *all the dues for 1906 have been paid.*

The excellent report of the Committee on Obituaries was adopted by a rising vote. During the year 312 of the Brethren in this Jurisdiction had died—two of the permanent members—Past Grand Master, Fred Ring, and Past Deputy Grand Master, Alex. Meggett, deceased, received especial mention. The memorials to these two beloved Brethren were also adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Credentials reported as present the Grand Representatives of forty-five sister Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not included.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$13,148.15. The balance on hand of the Grand Charity Fund, June 1, 1907, was the sum of \$5,378.98.

The Grand Lecturer had made official visits to 127 Lodges.

The usual number of Brother Jenks' correspondence reports was distributed, but not enough to "go round."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the first of the Grand Master's three decisions, but amended the second by substituting thereto the following:

"In case a brother is accused, in the civil courts, of crime, it is in the discretion of the Lodge to prefer charges and try him without awaiting the action of the civil courts, but it is ordinarily advisable to await the act of the civil courts." As thus amended the committee recommended its approval.

"Decision 3. Amend by striking out all after the answer, 'Yes,' and insert the following in place thereof: 'If not engaged in selling liquor,' and as so amended approve."

From our point of view, we can agree with neither the Grand Master nor the Committee. As to the dispensations granted the Committee said:

The dispensations granted by the Grand Master were strictly within his prerogatives, but we are of the opinion that the granting of such dispensations "(referring to the 55, we presume) "should be confined to cases of emergency."

As to allowing the use of Masonic Lodge rooms to other than Masonic bodies, the Committee affirms that Grand Lodge

does not do so; but a Lodge, having consented thereto, should apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation to that effect, which he may under his prerogative, grant. The Committee, however, thinks the Grand Master should carefully consider all such applications.

The Committee does not favor spectacular display in conferring degrees. The Committee's report was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

That Grand Lodge was organized by a small minority of the Lodges in Queensland. Our contention has been that 30 or 40 Lodges have no right to assume authority over 150 Lodges, without the *expressed* consent of the majority of these Lodges. When the majority of these Lodges signify their adhesion to the new Lodge we shall gladly recommend recognition of the same.

A pleasing and profitable episode of this Communication was the visit of Past Grand Master John Corson Smith of Illinois and Bro. Robert J. Welshe. The distinguished visitors met with a cordial and warm reception.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations to form New Lodges, Charters were granted to three Lodges U. D., but for reasons which were held to be good and sufficient, a dispensation was refused to twenty-one Master Masons who desired to open a new Lodge.

By a rising vote a resolution was adopted, making Brother John Corson Smith, a Past Grand Master of Illinois, an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

"The other day" while reviewing Iowa we were startled at news of the death of that noble veteran, Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary of Montana, and now as we scan these pages we learn that another Grand Secretary has fallen at his post—Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary of Minnesota. Their work was done and well done—and they have gone to receive their wages.

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The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again presented by Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks, the Committee, this being his tenth. Whether or not one agrees with Brother Jenks on all points of opinion, one thing is certain, viz: he means what he says, and, too, there is no mistaking his meaning, expressed as it is with clearness and force.

Brother Jenks reviews Alabama, 1906, in a most satisfactory manner, and his courtesy is unfailing. Of M.: W.: Brother Jacobs he says:

"In his address the acting Grand Master gives a good account of his stewardship thus unexpectedly thrust upon him."

He justly commends our Grand Master for his efforts to raise funds for the California sufferers.

The writer feels grateful to Brother Jenks for many kind personal comments.

We much regret that we have not space for this very able "conclusion." We must content ourselves with an excerpt from his reviews of Wyoming, in which he pertinently says:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence has under consideration requests for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Western Australia, Queensland, Costa Rica, Porto Rico, Guatemala, Valle de Mexico and Alberta. It recommended the granting of the requests preferred by the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Alberta. The others were held up for further consideration. The committee was very strongly inclined to grant the request of Queensland, but deferred in courtesy to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, the mother Grand Lodges. It seems evident that such recognition will not be very long deferred. By a compact recently entered into by these Grand Lodges of the British Isles, it has become impossible for a new Grand Lodge to be formed in British dependencies, except by a Masonic insurrection. The just right of the local Lodges to govern themselves or even to consider the question, is denied, in violation of Masonic law. It is a rank injustice to require Lodges of free men to submit against their will, to being governed by a Grand Lodge on the opposite side of the globe, ignorant of their situation, that can be communicated with only at considerable loss of time and where the distance and expense is so great that they cannot be represented in the sessions of the Grand Lodge. It seems scarcely credible that three such respectable Grand Lodges as

England, Ireland and Scotland, should enter into a combat looking to the denial of such fundamental rights of self-government, especially as the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is so well known. As each Lodge erected in these colonies is required to pay a fee of five pounds for its charter, which goes to swell the revenues of the mother Grand Lodge, we have another case of taxation without representation, and history is but repeating itself. We may expect the same result as occurred in 1776—a declaration of independence and the right of self-government, with the sympathy of the world extended to the rebellious daughters rather than to the unnatural mothers."

Bro. Spencer M. Marsh, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. William W. Perry, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

32D—ANNUAL—DOUGLAS—SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Bro. Martin R. Johnson, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Chartered Lodges, 23; 1 Lodge U. D. Members, 1,957; net gain, 148.

A portrait of Bro. P. S. Cook, Grand Master-elect, adorns the initial page of this well printed volume.

During the year special communications were held for the purpose of laying three corner stones.

When Grand Lodge convened in annual Grand Communication, two Past Grand Masters were present. The corps of Grand Officers was unbroken.

Grand Master Johnson's annual address (26 pp.) shows that he had faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of his high office.

After referring to our prosperity as a nation, with true loyalty to the Fraternity and with genuine patriotism, he said:

"These favorable conditions existing around it, Masonry has kept pace with the progress of time. Harmony and energy prevail among the workmen in the quarries and temples. All over the fair land our organizations, homes and temples are institutions of which we may be proud. Masonry during the last year has had her share of blessings. With the outer gates well guarded, the inner portals have witnessed the conversion of many good men to our faith and doctrine, and today we

stand a tower of strength in the knowledge that this Grand Lodge has at its command a mighty army of the truest and best of this young commonwealth."

He records the names of twenty-two Brethren, of Wyoming Lodges, who have died during the year.

Over four pages are devoted to an account of his visitations. Eleven dispensations had been granted for various purposes—six of them were permissions to waive time in conferring degrees.

His twelve decisions submitted were all, correctly we think, approved, as sound Masonic law, by the Committee on Jurisprudence. One of said decisions we copy for information of our Alabama brethren. No. 3 reads as follows:

"A clandestine Mason may become a regular Mason by petition to a regular Lodge in the usual form. With such petition he must deliver to the Lodge his clandestine Lodge permit to be destroyed, or destroy it himself, and renounce in writing all past and future connection with clandestine Masons of Lodges of such. When all this is done a regular Lodge may receive and act on his petition as in other cases. All members of the Lodge should be well satisfied of the worthiness of the applicant. If the applicant belongs to a clandestine Lodge in another State additional proceedings would be necessary. *If the clandestine Lodge is a negro Lodge or is chartered by a Negro Grand Lodge the petition should not be received in any case.*" (Our italics.)

On Feb. 17, 1906, he had issued dispensation for formation of Harmony Lodge U. D. to be located at Lusk, Converse Co. He had visited said Lodge in April, and had found that the officers of the same had conferred all the degrees without any aid whatever. He recommended that a Charter be granted to said Lodge if asked for. In July he had issued another dispensation for formation of a Lodge U. D. to be known as Wind River Lodge U. D. He regretted that he had not had an opportunity to officially visit the brethren of Wind River Lodge.

He recommended that Grand Lodge take some action in regard to requiring documentary evidence of good standing to be produced by strangers desiring to visit Wyoming Lodges,

Turning to the report of R.: W.: Bro. W. L. Kuykendall,

we undertake to affirm that he "fills the bill as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$4,742.71.

The special Committee on Masonic Home made a very sensible report upon the matter referred to it for consideration. The Committee intimated that the sentiment seemed quite general that the time had come when some steps should be taken looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home. To bring about the establishment of such an institution and maintaining it, the committee recognized of course, the necessity of devising ways and means for raising the needful funds. It left, without suggestion, the question as to how this should be done to Grand Lodge. If it was deemed advisable to establish such an institution, the Committee inclined to the view that some point near the center of the State should be selected for its site—say Thermopolis noted for its mineral waters, so beneficial to those needing medical attention. In view of prospective development of the State and the consequent increase in the price of lands, the Committee thought it advisable to secure a suitable site at an early date. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Later Bro. W. L. Kuykendall moved that a Committee of three be appointed to consider and submit a report based upon the Grand Master's recommendations regarding the future establishment of a Home the Committee to report at next Annual. Carried.

R.: W.: Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, from the Foreign Correspondence Committee, made a special report recommending recognition of the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Alberta. As to the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Puerto Rico, the Committee desired further time for investigation. Consideration of the application of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recommended for indefinite postponement. As to the request of the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, the Committee, in view of the chaotic, Masonic conditions in Mexico, recommended that consideration of the same be deferred until

such time as Masonic conditions in that country shall become more stable. In regard to Queensland the Committee recommended that the whole subject matter be laid over until next Annual Communication.

As to the Queensland question, with all due deference to the opinion of others, we beg to say that, in our opinion, when it is intimated that all the 152 Lodges in Queensland were bound by the action of that small minority which held a convention in Brisbane for the purpose of organizing an independent Grand Lodge, the only basis for the claim of authority to act in the premises, can be found in the fact that all the other Grand Lodges—113 in number—were invited to join in the movement. It is presumed, we learn, that these other Lodges would have participated in the movement if they had been free to act; but mere presumption is not proof of fact. We cannot justify a few Lodges in their assumption of authority over many Lodges not represented in their councils. Such a course would seem to be in line with taxation without representation. However, what we have intimated heretofore, we repeat, viz: that, if a majority of the Lodges in Queensland should join the ranks of the new organization, no one would more heartily recommend the recognition of the new Grand Lodge than would this writer.

Next Annual at Landen, first Wednesday in September, 1907.

We must leave some things in this volume unnoticed if we would pay attention to the best part of it, which is the Annual report on

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presented by R.: W.: W. L. Kuykendall, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of all Grand Lodges received. Alabama, 1906, is treated to a page and one-half of fraternal notice. Our Brother evidently approves most of our Grand Master's decisions, and quotes Nos. 9, 15 and 3; approves the first two of these, but does not agree with Number three, which relates to eligibility of persons who cannot read and write. He says:

"Alabama is nearly if not quite alone in holding that an illiterate can be made a Mason."

It is needless for us to repeat, that personally we do not approve said decision. He says:

"The Committee on Correspondence very wisely reported against recognizing the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Valle de Mexico and Brazil."

As to the first, he inclines to believe that if England and Scotland long continue to deny the Lodges under their constitutions, the privilege of discussing and deciding whether or not they will join the new Lodge, all our Grand Lodges should side with the latter. He says:

"We are well satisfied that right and justice abides therewith now and must and will prevail."

Brother Kuykendall's explanation of the mode of deciding upon proficiency of candidates, and upon advancement is entirely satisfactory. Wyoming and Alabama are in accord on that matter.

Under British Columbia we find the following:

"The report on correspondence is again the work of Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith. Under Alabama, in referring to Brother Titcomb's defense of the Alabama mode of adopting, or rather trying to adopt, constitutional amendments, he says:

"With most of his opinions we heartily agree, but we cannot subscribe to the doctrine that legislation in a Grand Lodge should be referred to the Lodges for direct action thereon. It is true, as Brother Titcomb says, that the Lodges antedate Grand Lodges, but after all, Grand Lodges are the Lodges, which are assembled by their representatives, the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters. Brother Titcomb's objection that 'the vote of a representative does not always reflect the views of his constituents,' may be overcome by giving the Lodges authority—in fact, they do not need to be given authority, having always had it—to instruct their representatives how to vote on any matter which is to come up in Grand Lodge."

"Leaving out the question as to real Lodges of speculative Masonry antedating the Grand Lodge of England, which we doubt. We agree with the above, as our reports demonstrate Alabama and Missouri, we believe, are the only two that have placed themselves in the position where it is next to impossible to adopt any amendment."

The following, under Connecticut, is too good to be suffered to pass unnoticed:

"In the proceedings we find an able report on correspondence by Brother John H. Barlow. In his review of Washington he reproduces from Brother Upton's report Alabama decision No. 8, with the latter's comment thereon, as follows:

"8. A person holding a dimitt from a Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction not recognized by this Grand Lodge can not affiliate with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction. He is to all intents and purposes, a profane.

And says:

"This would apply to a brother holding a dimitt from one of the Lodges which recently organized the Grand Lodge of Queensland—and even, at the time it was rendered, to one from Western Australia; although all the world admits that the Lodges in both those states are perfectly regular."

On this our brother says:

"This we fully endorse. The admission of visitors and the recognition of their Grand Lodge are two different subjects."

"Our brother then says: 'The following on recognition by individuals, expresses our views.' The quotation referred to in latter is too long to insert here, but we specially call his attention thereto as we cannot believe that he is in accord therewith, for logically its intention is to regularize all the colored Lodges of this and other countries, as well as other organizations held to be clandestine. When our brother examines that cunning production again it would be well to think of the M. M. obligation in connection therewith. We have heretofore expressed concurrence in said decision 8 and we do not agree with Brother Upton's comment thereon nor our brother's endorsement of latter, for the reason that the Grand Lodge of Alabama, having recognized the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, said decision does not apply to Masons from Queensland or Western Australia, as we believe our brother can readily see, but does apply, and rightly so, to men hailing from Lodges under Grand Lodges such as those of Mexico and the so-called Negro Grand Lodges, which Alabama has not recognized either directly or indirectly. In one sense our brother's 'admission of visitors and the recognition of their Grand Lodge are two different subjects,' is true, but we are getting on dangerous and illogical ground when it is advocated that a would-be visitor from a Lodge or a non-affiliate holding a dimitt therefrom which has never been at any time a subordinate or a regular recognized Grand Lodge has the right to visit or be affiliated in any recognized Lodge. If our brother had followed Brother Upton's arguments on this subject all down the line we do not believe he would have endorsed what is simply a rehash of that brother's effort to legitimatize about everything parading as Masonry, at least so far as individual recog-

nition is concerned. We are led to this belief owing to the fact that in commenting on our report of last year under New York, in which we cited the case of a Master who wanted to visit a Lodge in New York City working under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, whose request was turned down by the Grand Lodge, he seemed to coincide with our comment thereon. We ask our brother to compare that case with his endorsement of Brother Upton's position, at the same time calling his attention to the fact that the latter has said that he does not recognize the right of any Grand Lodge to interdict him from visiting or holding Masonic intercourse with individuals or Lodges of the Hamburg persuasion. We believe our brother will see where the arguments of Brother Upton and one or two other writers on this subject, with their assertion that declarations of non-intercourse do not affect Masonic intercourse between individual members, will lead to if followed."

Bro. P. S. Cook, M.: W.: Grand Master.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

A word or two by way of explanation, and, for this time, we are done.

An invitation from the Grand Orient of Italy for this Grand Lodge to participate in a commemoration of the centenary of Joseph Garibaldi's birth, said event to occur July 14, 1907, has been reported to this Committee, for consideration.

The invitation came too late to receive the attention of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. The date of the celebration being long past, nothing remains to be said, except courteous acknowledgment of the polite request to participate in said function.

The Ladies of the O. E. S. will please accept acknowledgment of their kindness in sending us a pamphlet giving list of officers and cast of Committees.

To our Brethren of the Guild, and to all true Masons we say: May the S. A. O. T. U. keep you in the "hollow of His hand."

Fraternally submitted,
WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB, Chairman.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF LODGES.

With the number of members, amount of dues paid to the Grand Lodge, the number of those entered, passed, raised, affiliated, died, dimitted, suspended, etc., since last return.

Lodge Number	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Members		Amt. of Dues Paid		Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
		No. Ministers												
1	Helion	93	4	\$44	50	11	5	6	4	3	5	8	3	--
3	Alabama	18	-	9	00	4	3	1	-	1	1	3	1	--
4	Rising Virtue†	126	5	48	50	23	22	19	11	3	12	7	--	--
6	Moulton	36	3	16	50	4	4	4	3	1	--	1	--	--
7	Macon	43	4	19	50	8	6	7	--	2	--	--	--	--
8	Farrar	93	4	44	00	8	9	6	5	1	1	1	--	--
9	Gilead*	36	-	34	00	2	2	3	1	--	--	--	--	--
10	R'al White Hart*	63	3	60	50	3	3	3	--	1	2	4	1	--
11	Montgomery	108	-	54	00	16	16	13	2	4	--	1	--	--
14	Florence	115	8	53	50	7	6	5	4	--	1	7	8	--
16	Athens*	54	1	56	50	3	3	1	4	1	1	2	4	--
22	St. Albans	33	3	--	--	2	3	4	1	--	--	1	--	--
24	Geo. Washington	30	1	--	--	4	4	3	--	--	2	5	--	--
25	Dale†	51	3	22	50	2	3	5	3	1	3	2	--	--
26	Lafayette†	37	5	16	00	1	1	1	--	--	--	2	1	--
27	Selma Fraternal	110	6	52	00	8	8	7	3	9	1	3	3	--
29	Rising Sun	106	2	--	--	10	10	14	6	4	4	5	3	--
31	Autauga	25	1	12	00	4	4	4	--	--	4	1	--	--
36	Washington	82	3	39	50	5	6	6	5	1	4	2	--	--
37	Courtland*	34	2	36	00	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	8	--
39	Wetumpka*	40	1	39	50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
40	Mobile	119	4	--	--	9	5	6	4	--	7	3	1	--
41	Livingston	39	2	18	50	6	6	7	3	--	--	1	--	--
42	Hiram*	61	8	53	00	2	2	1	4	--	--	2	--	--
43	Leighton	24	6	9	00	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	--	--
46	Harmony	87	6	--	--	6	6	6	4	3	1	2	4	--
49	Demopolis	78	4	37	00	3	7	6	2	--	2	3	--	--
50	Union	59	1	29	00	5	3	4	1	1	--	5	--	--
52	New Market	19	7	6	00	2	3	3	--	--	--	2	--	--
53	Greening†	74	1	29	50	11	11	11	4	1	--	1	--	--
54	Amity	59	7	--	--	4	3	3	3	1	--	4	4	--
55	Mt. Moriah	17	-	6	50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
56	Troy	115	9	53	00	7	8	9	9	5	4	8	16	--
57	Tuskegee	42	-	21	00	3	3	3	1	2	--	1	--	--
59	Benton	18	1	7	50	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
62	St. Johns	141	6	67	50	12	11	11	2	--	4	4	--	--
63	Social	30	2	14	00	5	5	5	2	1	--	1	--	--

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Lodge Number	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Members	No. Ministers	Amt. of Dues Paid	Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Expelled
64	Eureka -----	60	1	30 00	10	9	9	2	--	--	1	--	--
67	Hampden Sidney	30	4	13 00	2	2	2	2	--	4	--	2	--
69	Howard -----	86	1	42 50	10	4	5	2	--	4	--	1	--
70	Central -----	59	4	27 50	3	3	3	2	--	5	4	1	--
71	Dadeville† -----	85	4	37 00	7	6	6	3	3	1	4	1	--
72	Widows Son -----	19	1	--	1	2	2	2	--	1	2	--	--
74	Solomon* -----	35	5	30 50	1	1	1	--	--	1	2	--	--
75	Cokerville† -----	31	--	14 00	8	6	7	--	1	4	3	--	--
76	Auburn -----	38	4	17 00	4	5	6	5	3	--	1	--	--
78	Crozier† -----	24	3	9 50	2	2	1	--	2	--	1	1	--
79	Fredonia -----	18	2	8 00	--	--	--	2	--	1	1	--	--
80	Wilcox -----	16	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
81	St. Stephens† -----	31	1	15 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
83	Friendship -----	44	5	19 50	15	12	11	3	--	2	4	2	--
84	Erophotic -----	30	1	14 50	1	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--
89	Prattville -----	49	1	24 50	3	3	4	--	--	1	--	--	--
90	Pfister -----	36	1	17 50	21	17	17	7	--	--	--	--	--
91	Henry -----	54	1	26 50	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	--	--
93	Sawyer -----	48	3	22 50	2	2	2	--	--	1	1	--	--
95	Danville -----	32	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	--	--
96	Tuckabatchee -----	24	--	12 50	4	4	4	2	--	1	--	--	--
97	Lozahatchee -----	123	4	59 50	11	11	10	5	1	1	6	1	--
98	Fulton* -----	40	1	39 50	2	2	2	1	--	2	3	--	--
99	Salem† -----	15	--	8 00	2	1	--	2	--	2	--	--	--
101	Hartwell -----	61	6	27 50	4	4	5	2	3	1	1	2	1
102	Newbern, U. D. -----	9	--	--	3	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
104	Good Samaritan -----	32	--	18 00	5	5	4	1	1	--	--	--	--
105	Shiloh† -----	21	1	9 50	--	--	3	--	--	1	1	--	--
106	Hermon -----	29	1	14 00	2	1	2	1	--	--	--	--	--
107	Choctaw* -----	19	2	16 00	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
110	Forest Hill -----	20	--	--	3	3	3	--	1	--	--	--	--
111	Sylvan -----	30	1	13 50	6	6	4	--	--	1	--	--	--
112	Dean -----	20	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	2	--	--	--
116	DeKalb -----	23	4	13 50	6	6	6	--	1	1	3	--	--
119	Notasulga -----	26	5	10 50	--	--	--	1	2	1	5	3	--
120	Camp Hill* -----	27	2	25 00	2	2	2	1	--	--	2	--	--
122	Coffeeville -----	36	1	17 50	4	4	7	2	--	--	--	--	--
123	Moundville -----	24	5	9 50	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
125	Herndon -----	24	1	11 50	1	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
127	Bolivar‡ -----	70	4	65 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
129	Geneva -----	68	2	33 00	5	6	7	2	3	4	1	--	--
131	Yorkville -----	54	2	26 00	3	1	2	--	1	--	--	--	--
132	Roanoke -----	42	2	21 00	4	4	4	1	3	4	5	--	--

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134	Wiley†	19	1	14 00	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	1	
135	Columbia*	54	1	50 00	6	6	6	3	1	2	4		
136	Unity	31	1	15 00						1	1	1	
137	Rockford	40	4		1	1	1	1			1		
140	Shelby*	45	3	38 50	5	4	1	9		1	1		
142	Baldwin	34	1	10 50	1	2	2		1				
143	Burleson*	39	5	34 00	7	7	7	1	3	3	2	6	
145	Fraternity	32	3	16 50					1	2			
146	Missouri	17		8 50	6	7	4	1			3	1	
147	Rogersville	42	1	20 00	2	2	2						
148	Cold Water	37	3	17 00	5	5	5	4		1	2	1	
149	Chambers	26	4	11 00	2	2	2			2	1		
151	Bladon Springs†	13		8 50							3		
153	Monroeville	33	2		5	4	3	2			5	4	
154	Nixburg*	38	1	33 50	8	7	7	2			7	1	
155	Eastaboga*	17	1	14 00		2	2				1		
161	Penick	49	3	23 00	8	8	8	1			2	1	
162	Hendrix	23		11 50	6	6	5	3			1		
163	Fayetteville Authentic	27	1	13 00	8	8	7	2	1		3	1	
168	Mount Hope	32	6										
170	Elba†	70	2	36 00	5	4	3	6		1	5	1	
171	Ariton	69	4	34 00	2	2	2			1	7	1	
172	Fellowship	60	2	28 50	2	3	4	1			2		
173	Andrew Jackson	228	8	110 00	23	16	19	13	5	3	5	8	
177	Orion	36	3	16 50	7	7	8			1	3		
178	DeSotoville	25	1	12 50	2	3	3		1				
180	Mount Hilliard†	10		5 00	2	2	2		1		1	2	
184	Brundidge	42	4		1	1	1	4				1	
185	Mt. Eagle	26	2	13 00	2	2	2			1	3		
186	Ashville	25	2	11 00	1	1	1	1		1	3		
187	Land Mark	23	1	11 00		1	1				1		
188	Clintonville	28	1	13 50	4	2	1		2	1	1	1	
189	Delta	35		17 50	3	3	3			2	2	3	
190	Tombigbee*	15		13 50		1	1	2			1		
192	Chattahoochee	37			3	3	3			1	2	2	1
193	Hopewell	28	2		2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	3
197	Hillabee†	48	3	44 00	3	3	3	2	2	3	1		
198	Caledonia	19				2	2				1		
199	Kilgee	34		16 50	3	3	4	1	1	1	1		
200	Sylacauga*	57	1	55 50	7	7	5	1	2	2	3	4	

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201	LaPine	30	1	14 50	2	3	3	--	1	-	4	-	-
204	Pike Road	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
207	Elkmont	19	1	8 50	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
208	Alexandria	29	3	13 00	3	3	3	2	1	-	1	-	-
209	Marshall	39	3	18 00	2	2	2	2	1	3	-	1	-
211	York	61	4	28 50	2	2	2	2	1	1	4	-	-
212	Putnam	19	2	8 50	4	4	4	2	-	-	1	-	-
214	Carrollton	49	2	23 00	3	2	2	4	1	-	4	-	-
218	Sam Dixon	89	7	41 00	9	8	8	5	3	2	6	1	-
219	Lineville*	69	8	56 50	9	8	8	5	3	2	3	-	-
221	Tensaw*	23	-	24 00	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	-
222	Western Star	40	2	19 00	3	4	5	4	-	1	2	-	-
223	Mt. Carmel†	29	2	12 00	6	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
224	Newton	37	3	17 00	8	7	7	2	1	1	3	-	-
225	Louisville	46	4	21 00	2	2	2	1	-	1	1	2	-
226	Santa Fe	80	6	38 00	10	9	9	5	-	-	3	-	-
227	James Penn	36	-	18 00	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
228	Dallas	9	2	3 50	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
230	Bexar	37	1	18 00	3	2	2	-	-	-	3	-	-
231	Duck Springs	29	3	13 00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
233	Sepulga	25	1	12 00	2	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
236	Gadsden*	141	3	132 00	9	9	9	10	-	1	3	2	-
238	Fairmount	48	3	22 50	2	4	3	7	-	-	5	-	-
240	Bowen	45	1	22 00	7	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
242	Coosa	66	1	32 50	4	6	6	-	-	1	2	-	-
243	Ramer	37	-	19 00	3	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
244	Dawson*	31	-	29 00	3	3	3	3	3	-	1	-	-
245	John Payne	36	1	17 50	4	5	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
246	Harrison	30	3	13 50	4	4	4	2	-	2	14	-	-
247	Seddon	31	2	15 00	4	1	1	2	-	1	4	-	-
248	Lawrence	29	4	11 50	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
250	Amand	32	3	14 50	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
251	Honoraville	31	1	-	5	5	5	-	-	-	1	-	-
252	Northport U. D.	25	-	-	6	7	7	7	12	6	-	-	-
253	Rose Hill	27	2	12 50	6	5	5	1	-	-	3	-	-
254	Quitman	25	2	11 50	3	4	7	-	-	1	2	-	-
256	Gaylesville	43	7	18 00	7	5	2	3	-	-	1	-	-
257	Ervin	45	1	21 50	6	5	5	2	1	-	1	2	-
261	Talladega	77	2	37 50	4	6	9	5	3	2	3	2	1
264	Walnut Grove*	26	1	26 00	3	2	1	-	1	1	2	6	-
266	Mt. Pleasant	21	3	-	3	3	2	1	2	-	1	-	-

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270	Forest Home -----	44	3						2	2	1	1	--
271	Pea River -----	60	1	29 50	10	11	12	1	--	1	4	--	--
276	Bullock† -----	66	3	28 00	9	9	9	3	--	5	--	--	--
277	Larkinsville† -----	27	2	14 00	1	--	--	--	--	2	1	--	--
278	Northern -----	33	7	--	4	5	5	--	1	2	1	1	--
280	Springville -----	39	7	16 00	2	2	2	1	--	--	1	--	--
281	Charles Baskerville† -----	73	8	34 50	4	4	4	2	--	3	4	4	--
285	Georgiana -----	46	5	21 00	3	5	4	1	--	2	6	2	--
287	Clinton -----	40	5	20 00	1	2	2	--	1	--	6	--	--
290	Gillespie -----	33	2	15 50	--	--	--	5	--	--	1	--	--
291	Fort Deposit -----	41	2	19 50	1	1	1	3	--	2	--	--	--
301	Norris -----	94	8	43 00	4	6	6	4	--	2	2	1	--
304	Winfield -----	63	4	29 50	9	9	9	2	--	1	1	--	--
305	Central City -----	55	--	27 50	5	6	6	6	1	--	1	2	--
320	Warrenton -----	33	2	16 00	2	2	3	3	3	1	7	--	--
321	Bear Creek -----	30	5	11 50	4	4	4	2	--	3	--	--	--
323	Holly Grove -----	18	1	9 00	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--
324	Oneonta* -----	35	5	28 50	--	--	--	3	--	1	--	--	--
331	Charity† -----	36	4	16 00	3	2	1	--	--	1	2	--	--
332	Blue Eye† -----	32	3	14 50	1	2	3	--	--	2	2	--	--
340	Oliver -----	82	4	39 00	10	10	9	2	--	2	1	--	--
335	Nanafalia -----	27	2	12 50	5	5	5	1	--	--	--	--	--
338	Georgiana Davis -----	45	--	22 50	1	1	2	1	--	2	1	--	--
340	Clear Creek -----	16	3	6 50	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
341	Ragan† -----	15	2	6 00	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	--
344	Hamilton -----	52	4	24 00	5	7	6	1	--	1	4	--	--
345	Echo -----	58	2	28 50	4	5	5	--	3	--	2	1	--
346	Hurtsboro -----	47	1	23 00	--	--	--	2	2	--	2	4	1
349	Ozark -----	89	6	41 00	4	4	4	5	1	--	6	5	--
351	Wilson Williams -----	81	--	41 00	12	13	12	4	1	--	1	--	--
354	Heaton -----	43	6	17 00	8	7	7	2	5	--	2	--	--
355	Van Buren -----	62	6	28 00	5	6	6	3	--	--	2	4	--
356	Ashland† -----	43	1	21 50	5	4	6	--	1	--	4	3	--
357	Rutledge -----	37	--	18 50	3	3	3	1	2	--	4	--	--
358	Barbour† -----	20	--	10 50	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
359	Scottsboro -----	41	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
360	Newtonville† -----	11	1	5 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
361	Town Creek* -----	20	1	17 50	1	--	1	1	2	1	--	--	--
363	Chester -----	44	2	--	--	--	--	6	2	1	3	--	--
364	Pleasant Site* -----	25	4	20 00	1	1	1	2	--	2	1	--	--

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365	Houston	-----	38	6	15 00	2	2	--	2	1	--	2	--	--
369	Athelstan	-----	121	5	58 00	14	17	15	9	--	--	3	3	--
371	Russellville†	-----	51	2	22 00	3	5	4	3	1	1	2	--	--
375	Gainesville	-----	22	1	-----	1	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	--
377	Lake City	-----	65	4	30 50	5	5	3	1	1	1	4	2	1
378	Weogufka	-----	70	3	35 00	5	5	5	1	--	--	2	--	--
379	Robert E. Lee	-----	43	3	20 00	6	6	5	1	2	--	1	--	--
380	Ohatchie	-----	61	2	29 50	14	8	7	2	--	2	3	2	--
381	E. H. Cook	-----	24	2	11 00	6	6	4	4	--	4	4	--	--
383	Attalla	-----	51	2	24 50	10	10	9	5	2	1	3	--	--
384	Birmingham Fraternal	-----	332	6	163 00	34	27	31	12	14	2	4	7	--
386	Trinity*	-----	45	1	47 00	1	1	1	1	--	2	7	--	--
388	Newburgh	-----	35	--	17 50	1	--	2	--	--	1	2	--	--
389	Vernon	-----	33	6	13 50	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
390	Weathers	-----	37	2	-----	4	4	4	2	--	--	2	3	--
391	North Border	-----	27	3	12 00	2	2	2	--	1	1	2	3	--
392	Hickory Flat§	-----	18	--	1 00	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--
393	Blount Springs†	-----	31	5	14 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
394	Valley Head	-----	36	5	15 50	6	5	3	--	--	1	2	--	--
396	Falkville	-----	35	5	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
397	Black Oak	-----	25	1	12 00	2	2	2	--	--	--	2	--	--
398	Hartsville	-----	60	10	25 00	9	9	9	7	--	--	2	1	--
399	Haw Ridge	-----	40	1	19 50	1	3	3	1	1	--	1	2	--
400	Hanceville	-----	31	4	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
402	Green Hill	-----	35	--	-----	8	7	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
403	Childersburg†	-----	17	1	8 00	--	1	1	1	1	--	2	--	--
406	Doric	-----	80	3	37 50	6	6	6	2	2	1	3	--	--
409	Hartford*	-----	121	5	110 00	12	10	10	6	--	--	3	--	--
410	Helena	-----	56	2	27 00	2	2	3	--	3	--	2	1	--
411	Jemison	-----	56	4	-----	4	4	3	1	--	1	--	--	--
412	Amberson	-----	68	3	32 50	6	5	5	1	--	2	6	--	--
415	Oak Level†	-----	23	--	11 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
416	Williamsburg	-----	30	3	13 50	11	11	11	1	--	8	1	--	--
417	George Smith	-----	33	1	16 00	3	1	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
419	Hilton	-----	40	4	18 00	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
420	Broomtown	-----	42	4	-----	11	10	14	1	--	2	1	--	--
421	Cullman Fraternal	-----	91	8	41 50	9	9	9	10	2	2	4	1	--
422	Shorterville	-----	15	--	7 50	3	3	3	--	--	3	2	--	--
423	Clanton	-----	57	5	26 00	3	2	2	3	--	--	2	--	--
425	Temple	-----	50	8	-----	3	3	2	--	1	1	1	--	--

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	Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Expelled					
428	Belgreen	24	--	12 00	2	2	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
429	Milo Abercrombie	23	--	11 50	3	3	3	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
430	Albertville	22	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
432	Steels Station	13	--	6 50	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
434	Andalusia	143	3	70 50	19	16	17	11	--	--	6	2	--	--
435	Ware†	50	--	28 00	--	--	1	--	--	2	3	1	--	--
436	Winston Star*	31	1	25 50	4	4	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
437	Fort Payne	41	4	18 50	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	--	--	--
438	Headland	77	7	35 00	9	9	9	1	2	2	3	1	--	--
439	Mount Vernon	28	--	14 00	4	4	5	--	--	3	--	--	--	--
440	Forney	48	5	21 50	7	7	7	1	--	1	--	--	--	--
443	Anniston	132	4	--	21	18	16	11	5	1	2	--	--	--
445	Calera	40	2	21 00	5	5	5	1	1	1	2	2	--	--
446	Leeds*	32	2	28 50	6	5	4	3	--	--	4	--	--	--
447	Taylor†	41	--	18 00	6	6	6	--	12	--	3	7	--	--
448	Coalburg	40	--	--	12	12	12	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
449	Bankhead†	18	1	9 00	--	--	--	4	2	3	2	1	8	--
450	Florida	139	7	--	--	--	4	2	3	2	1	--	--	--
452	Dolomite	38	1	--	5	4	5	1	4	1	3	--	--	--
453	Gibson	36	2	17 50	4	7	6	--	1	--	2	4	--	--
454	Lee	67	--	33 50	5	7	7	3	--	--	2	1	--	--
455	Beulah	41	3	18 50	3	3	3	--	1	1	4	--	--	--
456	Sam Thompson	29	2	12 50	7	5	5	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
457	Harris*	19	1	16 00	5	5	3	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
458	Bessemer	192	7	92 50	19	18	17	17	4	3	6	11	--	--
459	Hardy Howle§	61	4	50	7	7	4	--	--	1	1	--	--	--
460	King Solomon	364	4	180 00	17	23	18	21	1	4	8	8	--	--
461	Ben Sims	20	--	10 00	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
462	Corinthian	18	2	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	7	3	--	--
463	Addison	30	3	--	4	5	3	--	2	1	1	3	--	--
464	Haleyville	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
465	Oakman†	54	7	23 50	--	--	9	2	--	1	2	3	--	--
466	Dothan	101	--	50 50	21	22	17	4	4	1	17	6	1	--
467	Kennedy	24	1	--	--	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
468	Bethany	14	--	6 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
469	Enterprise	12	--	6 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
470	Hoke's Bluff	48	--	--	6	6	6	1	--	--	1	--	--	--
471	Mt. Willing	21	--	9 50	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	--
472	Baileyton	45	5	20 00	1	1	1	--	--	1	3	--	--	--
473	Stanton**	22	1	32 00	1	1	1	3	--	2	--	--	--	--

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474	Blocton	71	7	32 00	3	2	2	4	--	2	5	3	--
475	Deatsville*	39	2	40 00	3	3	4	--	--	12	12	5	--
476	Avondale*	81	2	73 50	12	11	13	4	--	12	3	1	--
477	Renfroe	26	1	12 50	2	2	2	--	--	--	1	13	3
478	Guin	56	1	27 50	5	5	5	--	--	2	--	--	--
479	Rock Springs	13	1	6 00	3	3	1	--	--	1	13	1	--
480	East Lake	109	3	53 00	14	13	11	6	1	1	5	4	--
481	Locust Fork	28	2	13 00	2	2	2	2	--	1	1	--	--
482	Millport	28	7	10 50	2	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
483	Davis Fraternal	60	1	29 50	6	8	8	--	--	2	1	--	--
484	Lebanon	21	1	10 00	3	3	3	--	--	13	3	--	--
485	Monroe	28	1	13 50	5	5	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
486	Cedar Bluff	24	2	11 00	6	6	7	1	--	1	1	--	--
487	Round Mountain	34	4	15 00	3	3	3	2	1	1	3	--	--
489	Burnt Corn	37	2	18 50	--	1	1	--	--	3	--	1	--
490	Mahan	23	6	--	1	1	2	1	--	5	--	--	--
491	New Decatur†	103	3	49 50	7	6	6	3	1	2	7	--	--
492	Wylam	79	--	39 00	3	3	3	3	--	1	2	1	--
493	Ashford†	42	2	19 50	2	1	4	3	1	--	8	--	--
494	Carbon Hill	73	5	34 00	11	12	12	3	--	1	4	--	--
495	Mt. Pinson†	18	1	9 00	1	1	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
497	Sunny South	21	1	10 00	2	2	2	1	--	2	1	--	--
498	Bay Minette*	56	1	53 00	7	5	4	1	1	--	2	--	--
499	Cleveland	39	5	--	3	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
500	Logan	36	3	16 50	10	10	10	2	--	2	--	--	--
501	Delmar†	18	3	7 50	--	--	--	1	1	1	3	1	--
502	Caldwell	66	5	31 00	3	1	2	3	--	1	2	1	--
503	Sheffield*	63	2	56 00	6	5	4	3	1	1	2	--	--
504	Midland City	47	1	23 00	4	4	4	2	--	3	1	--	--
506	Irondale*	29	1	27 00	7	6	6	2	1	1	1	--	--
507	George Morrow	38	5	17 50	6	6	6	1	1	--	3	--	--
508	Mt. Signal	58	--	29 00	5	6	8	--	1	--	1	1	--
509	Brookwood*	27	1	31 50	3	2	1	--	1	--	10	4	--
510	Wilsonville	35	--	17 50	3	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
511	Johns	53	2	26 50	8	6	4	5	1	1	--	--	--
512	Cunningham*	49	--	45 50	7	7	7	3	--	1	2	--	--
514	Cottonwood	48	1	23 50	3	3	3	1	1	--	2	--	--
515	James D. Truss	21	--	10 50	1	--	--	--	--	33	3	--	--
516	Magnolia	62	--	--	2	3	3	4	1	3	3	--	--
518	Davis	71	5	32 00	3	5	10	3	--	3	7	--	--

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Lodge Number	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Members	No. Ministers	Amt. of Dues Paid	Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstituted	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
519	Hewitt -----	44	2	21 00	7	7	7	--	1	--	6	1	
521	Gurley -----	30	1	15 00	2	2	2	--	1	3	14	6	
522	Carrington -----	21	1	10 00	2	2	2	--	--	--	1	--	
523	Almond -----	42	1	20 50	7	7	9	1	--	--	1	--	
524	Berry -----	48	2	23 50	3	3	3	1	--	2	5	3	
525	Woodlawn Fraternal	84	1	42 00	16	16	10	3	6	2	4	7	
526	Hackleburg† -----	24	4	9 50	3	3	1	--	2	1	1	--	
529	Brown's X Roads -----	41	2	19 50	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	
531	Muscadine -----	22	2	10 00	3	3	3	--	--	--	3	1	
532	Sulligent -----	61	4	28 50	4	3	4	4	--	1	1	--	
534	Bozeman -----	25	3	11 00	--	--	1	--	1	--	2	4	
535	Bangor -----	27	1	16 00	2	2	4	2	2	--	4	1	
536	Spring Hill -----	43	2	20 50	5	4	4	1	--	1	1	--	
537	Enont -----	34	1	16 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
539	Wewoka -----	30	1	14 50	1	1	1	--	--	--	2	1	
540	Searight -----	30	1	14 00	7	7	7	2	1	--	22	1	
541	Mount Union -----	28	18 00	10	10	10	1	1	1	--	2	--	
542	Mount Zion -----	33	2	15 50	5	5	5	--	--	--	11	--	
543	Bridgeport* -----	38	1	37 00	2	2	2	--	--	1	2	--	
544	H. Clay Armstrong -----	35	1	--	8	7	5	1	--	1	2	2	
545	H. C. Tompkins-----	30	1	29 50	2	3	3	1	--	1	3	--	
546	Boaz -----	36	11	12 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	
548	Carmichael -----	70	2	--	7	8	8	6	--	--	8	8	
549	Carney -----	85	2	--	12	11	7	1	--	2	--	1	
550	Dwight -----	46	1	23 00	14	10	7	1	2	1	2	1	1
551	Fruiturst -----	22	4	--	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	--	
552	Brookside -----	53	1	26 50	9	9	9	--	1	--	7	5	
553	Asbury -----	29	3	13 00	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	
554	Crane Hill -----	78	6	36 00	7	7	9	1	--	--	--	--	
555	Holly Pond -----	42	4	--	--	--	2	--	--	1	2	--	
556	Coal City -----	20	1	10 00	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	4	
558	Wallace Haralson* -----	18	1	18 00	2	1	2	--	--	1	1	1	
559	Cordova -----	35	1	17 00	2	2	2	5	--	1	--	--	
560	Ensley§ -----	138	2	1 50	17	19	17	5	3	3	5	7	
561	Upshaw -----	24	4	--	5	5	5	1	1	--	1	1	
562	Vinemont† -----	25	1	11 50	4	4	4	1	--	1	1	1	
563	Isney -----	33	4	13 00	4	4	4	1	--	1	2	--	
564	Gordo -----	67	2	35 00	5	3	2	1	1	2	--	--	
565	Section -----	18	3	7 50	--	--	2	--	--	1	1	2	
566	Clio§ -----	27	1	1 00	2	2	4	2	--	1	4	1	

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				Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Expelled
567	Century -----	20	--	10 00	3	2	2	--	--	1	1	--
568	Eulaton -----	20	4	--	--	6	7	1	--	--	--	--
569	Anna Norton† -----	36	1	15 00	6	5	5	--	--	4	1	--
570	Fresco† -----	31	2	14 00	5	5	5	--	--	1	1	--
571	Proctor -----	47	1	23 00	2	1	1	--	--	--	1	--
572	Patton -----	20	1	9 50	3	3	2	--	--	--	--	--
573	Victoria -----	34	1	16 50	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	--
574	Duke -----	22	2	10 00	4	1	1	2	--	5	--	--
575	Repton -----	35	3	14 00	5	6	6	1	--	--	--	--
576	Cline* -----	30	5	25 00	3	3	4	--	--	4	1	--
577	Jenifer -----	14	--	5 50	--	--	1	--	1	2	2	--
578	Tunnel City -----	37	--	18 50	9	10	10	2	--	1	--	--
579	Herbert* -----	25	--	24 50	1	1	1	3	--	1	2	--
580	Downing -----	51	3	24 00	4	5	6	1	--	1	--	--
581	Reuben -----	38	3	17 50	11	12	12	1	--	1	--	--
582	Blue Springs -----	36	--	18 00	3	3	3	1	--	2	--	--
583	Cedar Bend -----	38	1	16 50	1	1	1	1	--	1	--	--
584	Wilson Shealy -----	15	--	7 50	--	--	1	--	1	1	--	--
585	Odom -----	32	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	--
586	Concord -----	20	4	8 00	2	3	3	1	--	1	--	--
587	Franklin -----	23	1	--	--	2	2	1	--	--	--	--
588	Prince† -----	39	--	20 50	1	1	1	4	--	6	1	--
589	Gantt -----	26	1	11 50	2	2	2	--	--	2	1	--
590	Chavies -----	31	5	13 00	4	2	2	--	--	3	1	--
591	North Birmingham† -----	43	1	15 50	4	4	6	8	--	1	1	--
592	Moody -----	18	3	7 50	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
593	Blacksher -----	32	--	18 00	3	3	2	2	--	3	1	--
595	Brighton -----	62	3	--	5	6	6	3	--	12	--	--
596	Dolcito -----	23	3	19 50	6	3	2	--	--	1	1	--
597	Coffee Springs† -----	36	--	17 00	2	3	2	4	--	3	1	1
598	Greeno* -----	50	1	48 00	5	6	5	4	--	3	--	--
599	Slocomb -----	60	1	29 50	8	8	9	4	--	2	1	--
600	M. A. Wood -----	52	1	24 50	8	8	7	--	--	1	1	1
601	Brilliant -----	54	4	26 50	6	6	6	1	--	15	1	--
602	Arley† -----	45	5	24 00	2	2	1	--	--	8	--	--
603	Adamsville -----	27	--	13 50	4	5	5	3	--	1	--	--
604	Healing Springs -----	41	2	18 00	10	10	9	--	--	1	--	--
605	Opp -----	39	--	19 50	9	7	7	5	--	1	4	--
606	Olive* -----	40	4	36 50	3	2	2	2	1	4	1	--
607	Bentley -----	24	4	10 00	6	5	5	--	1	3	3	--

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Lodge Number	NAME OF LODGE.	No. Members	No. Ministers	Amt. of Dues Paid	Entered	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Expelled	
608	Spruce Pine	30	15	15 00	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	
609	Stokes	26	1	12 50	5	5	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	
610	Black Creek†	24	—	10 50	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	
611	Pinekard†	39	1	15 50	2	4	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	
612	W. T. Underwood	36	—	18 50	3	6	7	2	—	—	2	2	—	
613	Lexington	29	2	13 50	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
614	Lewis	28	—	14 00	3	4	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	
615	Abernethy	31	1	15 00	3	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	
616	Perryville	29	3	13 00	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	
617	Oak Grove†	18	1	9 00	1	1	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	
618	Battelle*	16	—	17 00	2	2	2	—	—	—	2	2	—	
619	Travis L. Bedsole	22	2	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
620	Queen	39	—	—	5	4	5	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
621	Fruitdale	26	—	13 00	2	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
622	Ironaton	25	2	11 50	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
623	Robert J. Redden	22	1	10 50	4	4	4	1	—	—	2	2	—	—
624	Samson	60	3	28 50	12	12	12	5	—	—	1	5	1	—
625	Lehigh	16	—	—	4	4	4	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
626	Dry Creek	15	3	6 00	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
627	Charles Haynes	23	1	11 00	2	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
628	Garden City	11	—	5 50	3	2	2	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
630	Luverne†	39	1	17 00	4	4	4	2	—	—	2	1	—	—
631	Hacoda	51	1	25 00	8	8	10	1	—	—	1	2	—	—
632	Franeconia†	23	—	10 00	8	8	8	2	—	—	2	4	—	—
633	Huffman	21	3	9 00	4	4	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
634	Motley	43	5	19 00	12	12	12	3	1	—	1	—	—	—
635	Sonora	23	—	11 50	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
636	Birmingham Temple	200	15	92 50	30	30	37	22	—	1	1	—	—	—
637	Citronelle	12	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
638	James Mills	20	—	8 50	1	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—
639	Sam Gibbons	25	2	11 00	4	4	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
640	Sayre	25	2	11 50	15	12	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
641	Angus M. Scott, U. D.	11	1	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
642	Waterloo	18	2	8 00	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	3	—	—
643	Ben M. Jacobs	23	—	11 50	4	4	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
644	Fairview	28	—	—	—	4	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	—
645	Glenwood	22	2	—	—	5	6	6	5	—	—	4	—	—
646	Abernant	13	—	6 50	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
647	Nix, U. D.	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
648	Webb, U. D.	18	—	—	—	10	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—

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649	Black Rock -----	29	1	14 00	15	15	15	2	—	—	—	—	—
650	Arkadelphia, U. D.-----	33	4	—	22	20	19	3	—	—	—	—	—
651	Lamar -----	25	3	11 00	12	12	11	3	—	—	1	—	—
652	Ranburne, U. D.-----	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
653	Celestia, U. D.-----	23	2	—	16	16	17	1	—	—	3	—	—
654	Dement -----	16	—	8 00	11	9	7	1	—	1	—	—	—
655	Excel, U. D.-----	19	—	—	—	6	6	6	5	—	—	1	—
656	Lanett -----	43	—	21 50	22	18	18	25	—	—	—	—	—
657	George A. Beauchamp-----	25	2	12 50	15	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
658	Whiton, U. D.-----	19	4	—	—	9	9	8	6	—	—	3	—
659	Pythagoras, U. D.-----	57	2	—	—	21	14	13	32	—	1	3	—
660	Mount Ida -----	21	—	10 50	6	6	6	3	—	—	—	—	—
661	Frankville, U. D.-----	13	—	—	—	4	4	3	3	—	—	—	—
662	William H. Dingley-----	29	1	14 00	13	12	12	8	—	2	1	—	—
663	Arab, U. D.-----	9	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—
664	Chancellor, U. D.-----	15	—	—	—	3	3	2	13	—	—	—	—
665	Paint Rock, U. D.-----	17	1	—	—	2	2	2	5	—	—	—	—
666	Stouts, U. D.-----	17	—	—	—	9	9	9	8	—	—	—	—
667	Mizpah, U. D.-----	20	—	—	—	12	12	12	1	—	—	—	—
668	Lindsey, U. D.-----	21	1	—	—	10	8	9	4	—	1	—	—
669	Pearces Mills, U. D.-----	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—
670	Acacia, U. D.-----	16	—	—	—	4	4	4	12	—	—	—	—
671	Joe Wheeler, U. D.-----	15	—	—	—	2	2	2	13	—	—	—	—
672	H. G. Earnest, U. D.-----	18	2	—	—	4	2	—	18	—	—	—	—
673	Sylvania, U. D.-----	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—
674	Goshen, U. D.-----	15	—	—	—	4	3	3	12	—	—	—	—
675	Loango, U. D.-----	10	—	—	—	1	1	—	10	—	—	—	—
676	Dozier, U. D.-----	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—
677	Ashlar, U. D.-----	13	—	—	—	6	6	6	7	—	—	—	—

* Dues paid for 1906 and 1907.

† Dues paid for 1906 only.

‡ Dues paid for 1905 and 1906.

§ Balance on 1906 dues.

** Dues paid for 1905, 1906 and 1907.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members-----	19,966
Number of Ministers-----	1,044
Amount of Dues paid-----	\$8,859.00
Number Entered or Initiated-----	2,122
Number Passed -----	2,035
Number Raised -----	2,022
Number Affiliated -----	1,012
Number Reinstated -----	278
Number Died -----	307
Number Dimitted -----	997
Number Suspended -----	402
Number Expelled -----	14

(Membership of sixteen (16) Lodges—Mt. Moriah No. 55, St. Stephens No. 81, Bolivar No. 127, Mt. Hope No. 168, Scottsboro No. 359, Newtonville No. 360, Blount Springs No. 393, Falkville No. 396, Oak Level No. 415, Albertville No. 430, Bankhead No. 449, Enon No. 537, Nix No. 647, Ranburne No. 652, Arab No. 663, and Pearces Mills No. 669, are estimated, the annual returns not having been received.)

REINSTATED.

Helion, No. 1: W. F. Baldridge, T. B. Connally, T. S. McCalley.
Alabama, No. 3: Louis N. Lambert.
Rising Virtue, No. 4: Wm. J. Cronier, Jas. D. Guyton, Chas. E. Gay.
Moulton, No. 6: John T. Masterson.
Macon, No. 7: Robert C. Heard, Jas. C. Pugh.
Farrar, No. 8: Walter C. Lansford.
Royal White Hart, No. 10: John H. McRae.
Montgomery, No. 11: William Fraser, John M. Kelson, William Pullum, S. B. Paton.
Athens, No. 16: Oscar F. Cunningham.
Dale, No. 25: Robert Tait.
Selma Fraternal, No. 27: Isaac O. Anderson, Chas. H. Hopson, Geo. W. Jenkins, Robert W. Marler, Archie W. Newman, James W. Pruitt, William H. Smith, Charles C. Stewart, William A. Stone.
Rising Sun, No. 29: A. F. Houston, Charles L. Price, John B. Turley, Charles J. Austin.
Washington, No. 36: George W. Duncan.
Wetumpka, No. 39: T. B. Bethea.
Leighton, No. 43: John A. P. Robinson.
Harmony, No. 46: Henry M. Kaigler, N. Shelly, E. C. Seigler, Philip A. Napper.
Union, No. 50: Cary J. Thoma.
Greening, No. 53: Wood W. Carter.
Amity, No. 54: Hunter Cole.
Troy, No. 56: L. G. McLendon, Thomas J. Youngblood, Henry L. Solomon.
Tuskegee, No. 57: John B. Bilbro, Wiley S. Lane.
Dadeville, No. 71: Benjamin Walker, Malcolm H. Ayer.
Cokerville, No. 75: George W. Stuckey.
Auburn, No. 76: William B. Frazer.
Crozier, No. 78: Robert T. Johnson, Robert M. Hanna.
Henry, No. 91: Jesse R. Roberts.
Tuckabatchee, No. 96: John B. Gedis.

Lozahatchee, No. 97: Joohn J. Martin.
Hartwell, No. 101: William P. Smith, Charles J. Dodd, John R. Draper.
Good Samaritan, No. 104: John W. Dobbs, Robert S. Fuller.
DeKalb, No. 116: James M. Dobbs.
Notasulga, No. 119: Thos. J. Ledbetter, John R. Shepherd.
Geneva, No. 129: William F. Matheney, Ira W. Myers, John Stark.
Yorkville, No. 131: William A. Lawrence.
Roanoke, No. 132: James M. Pittman; William F. Ussery, Franklin P. Nichols.
Wiley, No. 134: John E. Boswell.
Columbia, No. 135: Nathaniel J. Oakley.
Rockford, No. 137: George W. Batson.
Shelby, No. 140: Geo. W. Busby, John H. Williams.
Baldwin, No. 142: Milton H. Roach.
Burleson, No. 143: John G. Stanford, J. D. Thorn, C. H. Thorn, Robert W. Nelson.
Fraternity, No. 145: J. S. Ratliff.
Fayetteville Authentic, No. 163: Geo. A. Hill.
Andrew Jackson, No. 173: Bibb Graves, Samuel Hamlyn, Anthony D. Sayre, Frank G. Taylor, A. J. White.
DeSotoville, No. 178: John M. Johnson.
Clintonville, No. 188: Robert A. Brown, Joseph H. Fussell.
Delta, No. 189: Ben F. Smith.
Chattahoochee, No. 192: A. J. Ward, J. T. Dourough.
Hopewell, No. 193: Richard H. Hutchinson.
Hillabee, No. 197: Chas. M. Simpson, Hugh E. Jones.
Killgee, No. 199: Virgil W. Mullins.
Sylacauga, No. 200: G. M. Wheeler, William F. Burke.
Lapine, No. 201: John A. Gregory.
Marshall, No. 209: Joseph F. Price.
York, No. 211: H. Henry Hayes.
Carrollton, No. 214: Dayton Hale.
Lineville, No. 219: John P. Shaffer, A. A. Young.
Newton, No. 224: Joseph W. Wright.
Sepulga, No. 233: Wm. H. Benson.

Dawson, No. 244: Geo. A. Hughes, G. J. Hughes, J. B. Hughes.
Harrison, No. 246: James E. Chapman, Robert G. Snider.
Amand, No. 250: Geo. W. Gray, John G. Barber.
Northport, No. 252: S. R. Darden, William R. Dodson, R. C. Bonds, T. J. Ozment, Chas. J. Spencer, W. D. Whatley.
Ervin, No. 257: John Kelton, Andrew A. Sides.
Talladega, No. 261: W. R. Golden, Andrew W. Houston, John S. Harris.
Walnut Grove, No. 264: James Scruggs.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 266: Francis J. Norris, S. E. Weatherford.
Forest Home, No. 270: William R. Luckie, William C. Ward.
Northern Lodge, No. 278: Walter O. Carpenter.
Clinton, No. 287: Alexander P. McLean.
Central City, No. 305: John D. Mosley.
Warrenton, No. 320: Thos. Evans, Thos. Nobles, J. M. Thompson, Sr.
Oneonta, No. 324: A. D. Bynum, Elijah Bynum, John S. DeLache.
Echo, No. 345: Robert A. Hunt, Jefferson D. Preston, James H. Ward.
Hurtsboro, No. 346: John Paschal.
Ozark, No. 349: John C. Holman.
Wilson Williams, No. 351: John F. Posey, John F. Newsome.
Heaton, No. 354: Geo. H. P. Casper, W. M. Wiggins, Sr., John A. Stillwell, Geo. W. Cole, John T. Wiggins.
Ashland, No. 356: Henry A. Wilson.
Rutledge, No. 357: Andrew J. Wolfe, Chas. H. Helms.
Town Creek, No. 361: Benjamin T. Etheredge, Jas. P. Hall.
Chester, No. 363: John D. Collins, John Kelly.
Houston, No. 365: C. C. Burson, A. L. Cole.
Russellville, No. 371: Joseph B. Grisham.
Lake City, No. 377: C. Henry Kelley.
Weogufka, No. 378: Daniel J. Thomas.
Robert E. Lee, No. 379: Harris E. Carter, J. W. Williams.
Attalla, No. 383: D. Aderholt, David A. Hughes.

Birmingham Fraternal, No. 384: William H. Beatty, M. Bostwick, William C. Bryant, Chas. E. Graham, Stephen J. Guscott, John W. Harmon, John H. Johns, James W. Kilpatrick, John K. Lindsay, E. G. Oden, Berry W. Prickett, William H. Scheler.

North Border, No. 391: R. O. Black.

Childersburg, No. 403: J. W. Ryder.

Doric, No. 406: D. B. Ray, David A. Freeman.

Helena, No. 410: Richmond Fell, Polk D. Lee, Clarence A. Rue.

Broomtown, No. 420: John M. Varner.

Cullman Fraternal, No. 421: A. M. Preston, F. L. McMurtern.

Belgreen, No. 428: R. J. Richardson, Terry L. Malone.

Milo Abercrombie, No. 429: Chas. B. McLeran, Benjamin Perry.

Headland, No. 438: M. T. Nesbitt.

Anniston, No. 443: Geo. T. Burk, W. D. Ellis, R. H. Martin, Albert E. Noble, Joseph H. Savage.

Calera, No. 445: F. W. Hardy.

Taylor, No. 447: R. Branton, Richard R. Sanders, John J. White, Benjamin F. Smith, Daniel S. Smith, William H. Reeves, W. H. Clark, Noah Hall, H. B. Ketchum, William L. Hughes, J. D. Heglin, J. W. McLendon.

Florida, No. 450: B. F. McPherson, J. B. Stagg, James Hart.

Dolomite, No. 452: William R. Thomas, Samuel Meigs, Henry F. Harrison, John L. Burgin.

Gibson, No. 453: A. B. Tierce.

Beulah, No. 455: William L. Godwin.

Sam Thompson, No. 456: I. J. Hannah.

Bessemer, No. 458: Aaron Garris, T. Y. Huffman, John H. Riley, J. Vines.

Harris, No. 457: William H. Batson.

King Solomon, No. 460: W. D. Colley.

Addison, No. 463: John W. Gains.

Dothan, No. 466: J. D. Logue.

East Lake, No. 480: Robert B. Holtam.

Round Mountain, No. 487: David T. Strown.
New Decatur, No. 491: S. C. Samuels.
Ashford, No. 493: John O. Dunsho.
Mt. Pinson, No. 490: N. T. Johnson, W. P. Hilton.
Bay Minette, No. 498: John A. Owen.
Delmar, No. 501: Geo. W. Dickenson, J. W. Brock.
Sheffield, No. 503: William J. Mead, G. F. Gibson, J. H. Nathan, W. R. Weston.
Irondale, No. 506: John W. Fortenberry.
George Morrow, No. 507: James Laster.
Mount Signal, No. 508: James J. Foster.
Brookwood, No. 509: J. R. Cox.
Johns, No. 511: W. A. Mahan.
Cottonwood, No. 514: Alex C. Outlaw.
Magnolia, No. 516: Daniel S. Butts.
Davis, No. 518: E. K. McKenzie.
Hewitt, No. 519: John D. Welch.
Gurley, No. 521: Andrew J. McDowell.
Berry, No. 524: Nathaniel H. Harbin.
Woodlawn Fraternal, No. 525: Harry G. Frazier.
Hackleburg, No. 526: John A. Pusser, Daniel Yealding.
Bozeman, No. 534: R. L. Huddleston.
Bangor, No. 535: J. H. Henegar, J. W. B. Powell.
Searight, No. 540: William J. Campbell.
Mt. Union, No. 541: Ingram Spence.
Mt. Zion, No. 542: James T. Wade.
Dwight, No. 550: Benjamin F. Blackburn, N. H. Bomer.
Fruithurst, No. 551: — Hollenbeck.
Brookside, No. 552: John W. Orr.
Ensley, No. 560: J. F. Holden, Ralph W. McCrea, Thomas L. Sugg.
Upshaw, No. 561: Oscar E. Cagle.
Gordo, No. 564: James A. Andrews.
Victoria, No. 573: J. P. Cox.
Wilson Shealey, No. 584: Jesse Ellington.
Brilliant, No. 601: Thomas A. Bryan.
Olive, No. 606: J. T. Roebuck.

Motley, No. 634: Robert R. Gay.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Helion, No. 1: William E. Brown, William T. Green, Isaac H. Lowe.

Royal White Hart, No. 10: John B. Laster.

Florence, No. 14: John A. Dillon, Rosco Johnson, Albert Robins, D. Taylor, Robert Simpson, Jerry Slattery, Lewis Hudson.

Athens, No. 16: Frank J. Harlow, William N. Hayes, J. T. Morris, Louis Stein.

Lafayette, No. 26: W. L. Kersh.

Selma Fraternal, No. 27: John F. Amos, Calvin A. Pugh, Chas. W. Rhinehart.

Rising Sun, No. 29: J. K. McMurray, William E. Oakley, Jr., William A. Warner.

Courtland, No. 37: W. F. Berry, G. M. Gorth, P. P. Gilchrist, L. R. Hames, C. W. Lindsey, I. L. James, J. C. Little, Walter W. Simmons.

Mobile, No. 40: Joseph P. Corcoran.

Harmony, No. 46: J. K. Battle, Mark H. Gray, John M. Kendall, Nathan H. Miller, J. K. Sams.

Amity, No. 54: James S. Coleman, Felix Canturie, Jr., James P. Harvey, Joel T. McLennan.

Troy, No. 56: Robert B. Chapman, Hansford B. Cowart, Thomas J. Dillard, Chas. M. Evans, S. W. Gellert, Timothy Green, R. L. Harmon, John W. Holland, William H. Jolly, W. D. Martin, James T. Mullins, James K. Murphree, J. S. Reddock, S. T. Reddock.

Social, No. 63: Matthew W. Hall.

Hampden Sidney, No. 67: James A. Ross, J. L. Gore.

Howard, No. 69: J. F. Reneau.

Central, No. 70: John Wallace.

Widows Son, No. 72: J. McCondichie, Wm. G. W. Albritton.

Cokerville, No. 75: James Owens, F. A. Smith, T. W. Zebb,
John W. Chapman, J. E. Cobb, W. F. Dean, H. D.
Mixon.

Crozier, No. 78: Robert L. Hanna.

Fredonia, No. 79: William F. Fuller.

Friendship, No. 83: Alexander Green, James A. Parden.

Tuckabatchee, No. 96: John C. Chadwick.

Lozabachee, No. 97: J. B. Fanner.

Hartwell, No. 101: T. A. Turner, T. B. Turner.

Shiloh, No. 105: Charles M. McMannus.

Notasulga, No. 119: James Harmon, Zack Parr, Lucius C.
Ramsey.

Geneva, No. 129: James H. Ard.

Roanoke, No. 132: William A. Burden, Smiley L. Smith, Chas.
M. Wagnon, William T. Manning, Samuel J. Glad-
ney, F. N. Pitts.

Wiley, No. 134: W. M. Ester, John E. Bovill.

Burleson, No. 143: Robert Bullen, Bryce Ledbetter, William
R. Stanphil, Edward Griffin, M. Thorn, James J.
Underwood.

Missouri, No. 146: David B. Blue.

Monroeville, No. 153: James I. Bizzelle, S. F. Daniel, John C.
O'Gwynn, Nicholas P. Stallsworth.

Penick, No. 161: John Turner.

Andrew Jackson, No. 173: John L. Anderson, J. A. Elsberry,
Chas. P. Jones, W. F. Mason, L. C. Parnell,
Homer Reeves, J. H. Speer, J. H. Stratford.

Mt. Hilliard, No. 180: Joseph S. Caylor.

Brundidge, No. 184: Geo. A. Griffin.

Clintonville, No. 188: James R. Gaines.

Delta, No. 189: J. L. Carney, W. S. Powe, P. A. Grice.

Chattahoochee, No. 192: Charlie C. Hodges.

Hopewell, No. 193: Chas. H. Reynolds, Andrew L. Barnett,
Joseph Mitchell.

Sylacauga, No. 200: A. W. Bell, J. M. Lanning, W. T. Stew-
man, Joseph H. Herzfield.

Marshall, No. 209: James L. Barnard.

Sam Dixon, No. 218: James T. Watson.
Tensaw, No. 221: Benjamin F. McConnell.
Louisville, No. 225: James M. Grant, J. A. Lampley.
Dallas, No. 228: James F. Stovall, William G. Gasten.
Gadsden, No. 236: Robert L. Adams, Forney Hughs.
Honoraville, No. 251: A. C. Spence.
Ervin, No. 257: Albert L. Hendon, John L. Wright.
Talladega, No. 261: William Atwood, J. A. Powe.
Walnut Grove, No. 264: Wm. Y. Adams, William A. Camp.
James A. May, Nathan Ohlmsted, James Webb,
Robert Stancil.
Northern Lodge, No. 278: G. D. Atchly.
Chas. Baskerville, No. 281: Frank A. Brotherton, William W.
Monroe, S. H. Morris, A. B. Stewart.
Georgiana, No. 285: Daniel T. Seal, William T. Kirby.
Norris, No. 301: Thomas M. McCall.
Central City, No. 305: Edward Bloch, J. M. Lafayette.
Echo, No. 345: John Riley.
Hurtsboro, No. 346: T. J. Griswold, J. L. Narbuck.
Ozark, No. 349: D. D. Moore, Alex L. Ard, R. J. Harrison,
Carson C. Deal, I. L. Johnson.
Heaton, No. 354: John W. Breed, William E. Cofield, Luke
C. Lee.
Van Buren, No. 355: Oliver L. Duncan, Calvin A. Nix, Geo.
M. Watson, William T. Watts.
Ashland, No. 356: F. B. Monroe, A. Y. Vickers, B. F. Hold-
ridge.
Athelstan, No. 369: John Blackwell, G. H. Jones, J. B. Sibley.
Lake City, No. 377: Alex Hart, R. H. Trammel.
Ohatchee, No. 380: Pleasant M. Martin.
Birmingham Fraternal, No. 384: William S. Auman, George
G. Brown, Edward E. Davis, Henry F. Hughes,
John W. Reid, Archie J. Riddle, Monroe Warren.
Weathers, No. 390: W. L. Hilderbrand, Lycurgus Mullins,
James H. Peek.
North Border, No. 391: James M. Thornton, Chas. L. Thorn,
Henry B. Williams.

Valley Head, No. 394: Samuel C. Lowry.
Childersburg, No. 403: G. T. Harris, J. M. McMillan.
Hartford, No. 409: William J. Jerkins, James W. Kelly,
James M. Williams.
Williamsburg, No. 416: S. T. Chamblee.
Cullman Fraternal, No. 421: F. H. Klinney.
Clanton, No. 423: Joseph Burnett, J. F. S. Stephens.
Temple, No. 425: Giles D. Chapman.
Andalusia, No. 434: William W. Varn.
Ware, No. 435: J. Marion Richards.
Calera, No. 445: B. H. Holcomb, John G. Shano.
Taylor, No. 447: R. M. Jones, John W. Lee, A. G. Legett, Wil-
liam H. Register, Gordon W. Smith, Elijah White.
Florida, No. 450: J. H. Tidmore, W. J. Outlaw, H. A. Lentz,
Forest Jaxox, Sam Foley, Jno. E. Fraser, J. M.
Donaldson, I. F. Carput.
Gibson, No. 453: Byron Gibson, Evan Mackinson, F. M. Mor-
ris, J. B. Thompson.
Lee, No. 454: Edgar L. Borne.
Bessemer, No. 458: W. H. Dennis, W. F. Hanly, J. D. Hanby,
Ber Griffis, J. W. Lynn, J. F. Kent, W. C. Mc-
Tylrie, H. Passmore, J. S. Perryman, A. Wissin-
ger, Mack D. Whitson.
King Solomon, No. 460: John H. Brown, John P. Curriam,
T. McLeon Cutts, H. P. Heflin, Charles Irwin, Wil-
lis K. Rosser, G. E. Hart, Jesse C. Thompson.
Corinthian, No. 462: Geo. W. Green, W. P. Hale, T. J.
Reams.
Oakman, No. 465: J. M. Hanley, B. M. Richards, J. W. Sartin.
Dothan, No. 466: John W. Harris, John N. Hurston, William
Passmore.
Mt. Willing, No. 471: Benjamin Franklin Kilgore.
Blocton, No. 474: William Dickey, John Stich.
Deatsville, No. 475: William J. Falkner, William H. Bowdoin,
Bert Higgins, William W. World, Claude B.
White.

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- Renfroe, No. 477: James G. Harris, Joe Mitchell, L. M. Thomas.
- Guin, No. 478: Walter J. Walker.
- East Lake, No. 480: W. Baggett, Robert E. Hottam, John M. Huey, George Greaver.
- Davis Fraternal, No. 483: Alford B. Phillips.
- Lebanon, No. 484: Stephen B. Glaze, N. R. Hall, Mark W. Kemp.
- Wylam, No. 492: David J. Mills, A. W. Burgin.
- Mt. Pinson, No. 495: James A. Cain, John H. Haygood, Columbus C. Truss.
- Delmar, No. 501: John T. Harris.
- Mt. Signal, No. 508: Thomas N. Crumpton.
- Brookwood, No. 509: Jackson J. Baggett, Robert S. Burton, Z. C. Jourdan, Harry E. Moubett.
- James D. Truss, No. 515: H. R. Foley, John A. Harcin, James K. Powell.
- Hewitt, No. 519: Thomas Edge.
- Gurley, No. 521: W. L. Duncan, J. W. Grayson, A. J. Hannah, Samuel Lockard, H. M. Shelton, W. L. Wilmore.
- Berry, No. 524: Chas. A. Farrell, Alexander Hitchenson, Arthur E. Palmer.
- Woodlawn Fraternal, No. 525: James S. Bolton, Andrew H. Cooper.
- Brown's X Roads, No. 529: Thomas B. Love.
- Bozeman, No. 534: D. S. Gilmore, J. M. Johnson, P. J. Tatum, J. B. Thomas.
- Searight, No. 540: Thomas H. Dozier.
- H. Clay Armstrong, No. 544: J. Walter Fleming, J. W. Griffin, H. C. Thompkins, No. 545: J. Y. Alexander, C. W. Garrett, Dorian Hall.
- Carmichael, No. 548: J. L. Bledsoe, Asa Holloway, M. Katz, E. E. Mansfield, John E. Pittman, J. T. Strickland, John M. Wilson, John H. Watson.
- Carney, No. 549: John W. Barron.
- Dwight, No. 550: Thomas Jefferson Brown.

Brookside, No. 552: Charles Beresdorf, Raphael Caravella,
Joseph W. Jerrell, John T. Sellers, John M. Shurnate.

Coal City, No. 556: Lee Bice, Richard T. Respers, Griffin G.
Solden, W. L. Gillispee.

Ensley, No. 560: H. E. Agerton, D. J. McComb, Edward C.
Mandy, John Neale, J. E. Reese, M. E. Cunningham,
J. L. Gibson.

Upshaw, No. 561: Luther Adecock.

Clio, No. 566: Robert H. Faulk, Alex Danford, Charlie R.
Long, Robert M. Lee.

Century, No. 567: Thomas W. Smith.

Anna Norton, No. 569: M. L. Black.

Proctor, No. 571: John J. Turnipseed.

Victoria, No. 573: Prentiss Chambers, Edward Metcalf.

Cline, No. 576: Luther M. Pennington.

Jenifer, No. 577: Robert A. Dougless, Chas. H. Danedy.

Herbert, No. 579: Albert H. Weaver, Wilmer Miles.

Odom, No. 585: J. C. Heyward, E. E. Bentley.

Prince, No. 588: J. Eugene Hudgens.

Chavies, No. 590: James M. Stencil.

Blacksher, No. 593: William D. Dyal.

Dolcito, No. 596: Thomas Lacy.

Coffee Springs, No. 597: Garrison M. Spivey.

Opp, No. 605: Robert B. Knowles, H. Geo. McLaney, William
S. Spurlin, James H. Shine.

Bentley, No. 607: William E. Milender, Eugene D. Stokem,
Daniel H. Wallace.

Black Creek, No. 610: B. R. C. Harper, W. N. Harbin, H. J.
Noles.

W. T. Underwood, No. 612: Eugene Underwood.

Queen, No. 620: Oscar Watts.

Samson, No. 624: E. W. Lewis.

McCormack, No. 629: Edgar M. Scott, William A. Watts,
Simeon J. Watts.

Luverne, No. 630: James J. Walker.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Unity, No. 136: Thomas M. Cobb.
Cold Water, No. 148: William L. Harris.
Nixburg, No. 154: Allen J. Tucker.
Fayetteville Authentic, No. 163: John T. Kent.
Elba, No. 170: Syd Johnson.
Ariton, No. 171: Green F. Fans.
Bear Creek, No. 321: N. S. Roden.
Hurtzboro, No. 346: George D. Paschal.
Van Buren, No. 355: Geo. M. Watson.
Ohatchee, No. 380: Jas. P. Nunnelly.
Black Oak, No. 397: James W. Loyd.
Hartselle, No. 398: James M. Simpson.
Haw Ridge, No. 397: A. C. Walker.
Helena, No. 410: Thomas H. Griffin.
Andalusia, No. 434: Peter J. Campbell.
Taylor, No. 447: Jesse A. Smith.
Addison, No. 463: Lafayette M. McPherson, E. A. Payne.
Blocton, No. 474: Phillip Odess.
Sunny South, No. 497: J. W. Rogers.
Caldwell, No. 502: J. T. Morrison.
Midland City, No. 504: James Vann.
Muscadine, No. 531: Elijah T. Harris.
Bangor, No. 635: D. L. Duncan.
Wewoka, No. 539: William H. Allen.
Mt. Union, No. 541: M. G. Brooks, John B. Beaks.
Wallace Haralson, No. 558: J. J. Campbell.
Ensley, No. 560: Thomas B. Payne.
Vinemont, No. 562: Solomon T. Gay.
Gantt, No. 589: John F. Philips.
Brilliant, No. 601: Gilbert O. Bowlen.
Olive, No. 606: James S. Amerson.
W. T. Underwood, No. 612: G. A. Hullett.
Oak Grove, No. 617: J. M. Hyche.

EXPELLED.

Hartwell, No. 101: James M. Ragan.
Sepulga, No. 233: John C. Ediker.
Talladega, No. 261: Joseph G. Powell.
Hurtsboro, No. 346: John B. Gore.
Lake City, No. 377: W. C. Johnson.
Hickory Flat, No. 392: H. B. Kitchens.
Dothan, No. 466: Frank F. Fowler.
Burnt Corn, No. 489: George T. Burt.
Wylam, No. 492: John M. Benge.
Dwight, No. 550: William Mitchell Hughes.
Section, No. 565: Oliver W. Pickett, J. A. Loyd.
Coffee Springs, No. 597: James O. Weeks.
M. A. Wood, No. 600: John Brown.
Birmingham Temple, No. 636: Council McCall Loftin.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

- Helion, No. 1: John P. Hampton, June 8, 1907, James B. Laughlin, Sept. 18, 1907, Benjamin L. Matthews, July 22, 1907, Stephen E. McGehee, April 21, 1907, Isaac H. Wise, Jan. 14, 1907.
- Alabama, No. 3: William C. Sowell, Dec. 24, 1906.
- Rising Virtue, No. 4: Thomas G. Gordon, Feb. 22, 1907, aged 70 years; W. G. Hayslett, July 25, 1907, aged 50 years.
- Farrar, No. 8: David Randolph Weaver, Dec. 28, 1906, aged 39 years.
- Royal White Hart, No. 10: H. H. Way, March 14, 1907, aged 63 years; M. M. Watson, April 14, 1907, aged 74 years.
- Florence, No. 14: Thomas R. Powers, Apr. 21, 1907.
- Athens, No. 16: Ben Lee Allen, Oct. 21, 1906, aged 58 years.
- George Washington, No. 24: C. N. Ellis, January 9, 1907; J. B. Thomas, Aug. 7, 1907.
- Dale, No. 25: Enoch Hooper Cook, Aug. 26, 1907; Henry F. Cook, Feb. 12, 1907; Robert Tait, Apr. 1, 1907.
- Selma Fraternal, No. 27: George L. Waller, July 24, 1907, aged 62 years.
- Rising Sun, No. 29: T. V. Small, Feb. 12, 1907, aged 47 years; Henry J. Smith, March 18, 1907, aged 74 years; Jesse L. Jones, Nov. 26, 1906; William V. Tapcott, Nov. 15, 1906.
- Autauga, No. 31: John L. Carter, May 1, 1907; Thomas L. Franklin, Nov. 14, 1907; James D. Jones, Apr. 10, 1907; William Y. Zimmerman, Oct. 20, 1906.

- Washington, No. 36: John C. Goodloe, Apr. 2, 1907, aged 52 years; John E. Harris, Mch. 20, 1907, aged 35 years; John S. Milne, Apr. 3, 1907, aged 36 years; James H. Simpson, Nov. 19, 1906, aged 74 years.
- Wetumpka, No. 39: Peter A. Buyck, Nov. 13, 1906.
- Mobile, No. 40: Columbus W. Bell, Aug. 22, 1907; John J. Delchamp, Nov. 28, 1906; Ezra P. Chappell, Dec. 20, 1906; Thomas J. Jewett, Apr. 21, 1907; A. J. Moore, Feb. 28, 1907; William F. Stoutz, Aug. 2, 1907; Weston F. Tucker.
- Leighton, No. 43: John S. Davis, Jan. 16, 1907.
- Harmony, No. 46: Addison A. Walker, Feb. 25, 1907, aged 73 years.
- Demopolis, No. 49: William J. Braswell, Sept. 9, 1907, aged 72 years; James N. Lister, Oct. 17, 1906, aged 66 years.
- Troy, No. 56: James M. Daniels, Oct. 13, 1906, aged 68 years; John G. Taylor, Oct. 21, 1906, aged 32 years; Elijah S. Whaley, Aug. 20, 1907; W. S. Tatman.
- Benton, No. 59: Edward A. Dudly, Dec. 24, 1906.
- Saint Johns, No. 62: W. S. Menefee, Mch. 20, 1907; Abraham Miles, Apr. 18, 1907; William H. Morris, Oct. 19, 1906; Lewe Sessions, Nov. 5, 1906.
- Hampden Sidney, No. 67: William S. McLean, Oct. 22, 1906; John W. Henderson, Dec. 3, 1906; H. D. C. Roy, Jan. 26, 1907; William R. Rodgers, July 1, 1907.
- Howard, No. 69: Charles K. Holt, Oct. 20, 1906, aged 44 years; Carston Peters, June 20, 1907, aged 76 years; John H. McKay, Aug. 26, 1907, aged 50 years; J. O. Andrews, April 27, 1907, aged 72 years.

- Dadeville, No. 71: Ben F. Spraggins, May 13, 1907,
aged 60 years.
- Solomon, No. 74: James E. Scarbrough, Dec. 20, 1906.
- Wilcox, No. 80: William T. Martin, June 6, 1907.
- Friendship, No. 83: Geo. W. Cleveland, Mch. 10, 1907,
aged 54 years; J. M. Williams, June 20, 1907,
aged 92 years.
- Sawyer, No. 93: J. H. Dennis, Aug. 5, 1907.
- Danville, No. 95: John Dutton, Aug. 26, 1907; Simeon
Perry Lovelady, March 3, 1907.
- Lozahatchee, No. 97: Marshall A. Pence, Sept. 28, 1906,
aged 30 years.
- Fulton, No. 98: William N. Carson, July 29, 1907;
George W. Marshall, Oct. 8, 1906.
- Hartwell, No. 101: Lucius L. Allen, Feb. 2, 1907.
- Forest Hill, No. 110: Thomas S. Burks, May 18, 1907.
- DeKalb, No. 116: Richard Chitwood, Feb. 24, 1907.
- Notasulga, No. 119: William T. Duke, May 20, 1907.
- Wiley, No. 134: S. Boswell, Dec., 1906; C. D. Harns,
Dec., 1906.
- Columbia, No. 135: William L. Webb, July 15, 1907,
aged 68 years; J. S. Joyner, Nov. 13, 1906.
- Unity, No. 136: Christopher C. Curtis, Nov. 12, 1906.
- Shelby, No. 140: Fayette N. Evans, Aug. 1st, 1907.
- Burleson, No. 143: Nathan A. Reid, July 1st, 1906;
William J. Thorn, Aug. 4, 1906; James M. Thorn,
Nov. 20, 1906.
- Fraternity, No. 145: J. J. Acton, Dec. 21, 1906; W. W.
Brown, Apr. 15, 1907.
- Cold Water, No. 148: John E. Sullivan, May 3, 1907.
- Chambers, No. 149: Thomas Clack, June 15, 1907;
George Clack, Sept. 5, 1907.
- Elba, No. 170: N. N. Allen, Oct. 12, 1907, aged 52
years.

- Arlton, No. 171: O. A. Roberson, July 29, 1907.
Andrew Jackson, No. 173: James Chappell, Mch. 17,
1907; Henry W .Clark, March 1st, 1907; Samuel
Winnington, Jan. 17, 1907.
Orion, No. 177: F. Owens, May 21, 1907.
Mt. Eagle, No. 185: John R. Peters, Aug. 23, 1907.
Ashville, No. 186: Henry W. Box, Dec. 25, 1906.
Landmark, No. 187: Virgill Snoddy, Nov. 15, 1907.
Clintonville, No. 188: Jesse H. Hundley, Aug. 25, 1907.
Delta, No. 189: James M. Dillard, Aug. 9, 1907; Thom-
as H. Gibson, Aug. 16, 1907.
Chattahoochee, No. 192: Thomas W. Wallace, July 23,
1907; A. J. Ward, Aug. 26, 1907.
Hopewell, No. 193: George R. Reynolds, Mch. 11, 1907;
James Armstrong, May 4, 1907.
Hillabee, No. 197: William Brooks, Dec. 29, 1906; Wil-
liam Samuels, June 12, 1907; S. S. Stewart, Aug.
7, 1907.
Killgee, No. 199: C. M. Moore, September 7, 1907.
Sylacauga, No. 200: Joseph S. McClain, Jan. 16, 1907;
James M. Peters, Oct. 16, 1906.
Marshall, No. 209: W. M. Baker, Feb. 2, 1907; J. K.
P. Cooper, Aug. 20, 1907; Samuel Henry, Oct. 14,
1906.
York, No. 211: W. L. Aaron, July 23, 1907.
Sam Dixon, No. 218: Benjamin F. Savage, Mch. 31,
1907, aged 88 years; John L. McConnell, April 26,
1907, aged 78 years.
Lineville, No. 219: W. H. Hardy, Sept. 1st, 1906; John
Orr, March 25, 1907.
Tensaw, No. 221: Robert W. Slaughter, Mch. 23, 1907;
Thomas P. Atkinson, July 20, 1907.
Western Star, No. 222: John N. Gilmore, Sept. 18, 1906.

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- Mt. Carmel, No. 223: H. R. Howard, June 1st, 1907.
Newton, No. 224: Jackson Folsom, Aug. 2, 1907.
Louisville, No. 225: Sherman N. Cox, Jan. 24, 1907.
James Penn, No. 227: Henry C. Roberts, Jan. 17, 1907.
Gadsden, No. 236: Henry C. White, Dec. 30, 1906, aged
69 years.
Coosa, No. 242: Joseph S. Dunlap, Aug. 18, 1907.
Seddon, No. 247: George P. Austin, July 29, 1907.
Amand, No. 250: William N. Jones, April 18, 1907.
Quitman, No. 254: T. M. Hughes, Sept. 24, 1907.
Talladega, No. 261: John T. Adams, Nov. 13, 1906, aged
73 years; William J. Chatham, Nov. 1st, 1906,
aged 72 years.
Walnut Grove, No. 264: Evin Stancil, July 25, 1907.
Forest Home, No. 270: Josiah D. Poole, Sept. 6, 1907.
Pea River, No. 271: James Wilson, July 18, 1907.
Larkinsville, No. 277: A. J. Harper, May 1, 1907.
Northern, No. 278: James D. Whitaker, Mch. 4, 1907;
William A. Hamilton, June 6, 1907.
Charles Baskerville, No. 281: Andrew J. Sanders, Ter-
rell M. Reese, Andrew J. Reeves.
Georgiana, No. 285: Calvin L. Avant, Feb. 18, 1907;
Sidney E. Tillery, July 11, 1907.
Norris, No. 301: Edwin T. Parker, Jan. 21, 1907, aged
43 years; Andrew J. Venters, Mch. 16, 1907, aged
62 years.
Winfield, No. 304: Benjamin F. Ward, Nov. 19, 1906.
Warrenton, No. 320: J. Flem Cox, Dec., 1906.
Bear Creek, No. 321: W. R. Patterson.
Charity, No. 331: R. D. Hicks, July 22, 1907.
Blue Eye, No. 332: Geo. N. Byers, Nov. 18, 1906; D.
Ghio, No. 2, 1907.
Oliver, No. 334: Edward Tabb, Nov. 26, 1906; M. Kim-
brough, July 26, 1907.

Georgiana Davis, No. 338: Peter S. Acton, Mch. 3, 1907; A. S. Sparks, May 15, 1907.
Clear Creek, No. 340: Joseph W. Barton, Mch. 19, 1907.
Hamilton, No. 344: John B. Wood, July 1st, 1907.
Barbour, No. 358: Robert J. Wyatt, Feb. 17, 1907.
Town Creek, No. 361: A. A. McGregor, Mch. 11, 1907.
Chester, No. 363: F. A. Hewitt, Feb., 1907.
Pleasant Site, No. 364: James T. Bolding, June 23, 1907; Robert S. Nelson, Feb. 20, 1907.
Russellville, No. 371: Martin L. Hargett, Mch. 20, 1907.
Lake City, No. 377: James C. Howell, Dec. 10, 1906, aged 66 years.
Ohatchee, No. 380: J. N. Cannon, Aug. 24, 1907; W. A. Reid, Feb., 1907.
E. H. Cook, No. 381: B. E. DeVan, Oct., 1906; William H. DeWitt, Dec., 1906; George McHarvey, June, 1907; Edward O. Rains, July 11, 1907.
Attalla, No. 383: Mike McCartney, Jan. 29, 1907.
Birmingham Fraternal, No. 384: Robert A. McAdory, Oct. 26, 1906, aged 59 years; Frank B. Reed, Dec. 15, 1906, aged 30 years.
Trinity, No. 386: Charles T. Burt, Sept. 15, 1906; F. M. Davis, Nov. 27, 1906.
Vernon, No. 389: John D. McClusky, Mch. 16, 1907.
North Border, No. 391: Luke G. Bullington, Oct. 27, 1906.
Hickory Flat, No. 392: T. M. Turner, June, 1907.
Valley Head, No. 394: W. L. Driskill, May 20, 1907.
Dorie, No. 406: Harris Rans, Oct. 12, 1906.
Jemison, No. 411: John M. Brantley, December 6, 1906.
Amberson, No. 412: Benjamin M. Stewart, Nov. 1st, 1906, aged 81 years; William J. Stewart, June 19, 1907, aged 71 years.

- Broomtown, No. 420: James A. Barclay, Mch. 5, 1907; John L. Shamblin, Dec. 11, 1906.
- Cullman Fraternal, No. 421: A. J. Caple, June 8, 1907; P. H. Kinney, Mch. 10, 1907.
- Shorterville, No. 422: A. Y. Berry, Feb. 27, 1907, aged 85 years; Joel Holmes, May 22, 1907, aged 68 years; John Melvin, Dec. 15, 1906, aged 68 years.
- Temple, No. 425: William H. Mason, April 19, 1907.
- Steel's Station, No. 432: John Walker, Aug. 7, 1907, aged 65 years.
- Ware, No. 435: P. E. Welch, Mch. 24, 1905; James Young, March 6, 1907.
- Fort Payne, No. 437: William C. D. Cook, Sept. 8, 1907; Charles G. McGuffy, Mch. 3, 1907.
- Headland, No. 438: Daniel G. Hudsfeth, Sept. 9, 1907, aged 44 years; A. M. Mattox, May 4, 1907, aged 68 years.
- Mount Vernon, No. 439: William T. Lambert, Mch. 3, 1907; Joseph P. Whorton, June 23, 1907; Anderson M. Wilson, July 14, 1907.
- Forney, No. 440: Joseph M. Cothran, July 23, 1907.
- Anniston, No. 443: M. A. Boley, Nov. 17, 1906.
- Calera, No. 445: James G. Fields, Mch. 8, 1907.
- Florida, No. 450: J. V. Samples, July, 1907; William T. Howell, July, 1907.
- Dolomite, No. 452: Edward Lewis, Sr., May 6, 1907.
- Bessemer, No. 458: J. H. Mumford, Nov. 10, 1906, aged 30 years; James B. Moore, Feb. 3, 1907, aged 68 years; W. F. Porter, Dec. 25, 1906, aged 38 years.
- Hardy Howle, No. 459: John H. Mitchell, July 14, 1907.

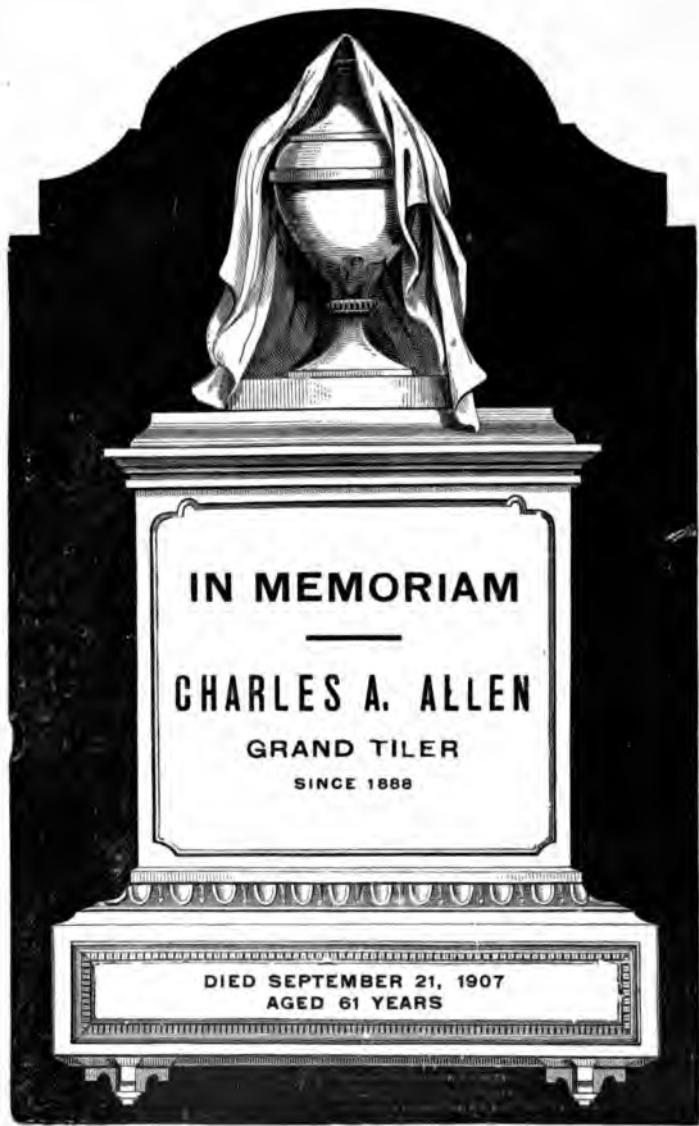
- King Solomon, No. 460: John J. Colmant, Jan. 24, 1907, aged 77 years; Thomas Ferrell, Sept. 10, 1906, aged 65 years; Moses Lazarus, May 10, 1907, aged 37 years; S. B. Stewart, July 20, 1907, aged 41 years.
- Addison, No. 463: John W. Baggett, April 4, 1907.
- Dakman, No. 465: A. H. Johnson, Nov. 3, 1906, aged 86 years.
- Dobthan, No. 466: John S. Lisenby, Apr. 30, 1907, aged 68 years.
- Baileyton, No. 472: A. A. McCutchen, Sept. 4, 1907.
- Blocton, No. 474: David A. Alston, Aug. 12, 1907, aged 73 years; Gregor Gordon, June 7, 1907, aged 52 years.
- Deatsville, No. 475: Alfred T. Mitchell, Jan. 3, 1907; Calvin Denison, Feb. 27, 1907.
- Avondale, No. 476: Ben. B. Archer, Jan. 30, 1907, aged 36 years; M. W. Steel, July 24, 1907, aged 85 years.
- Guin, No. 478: Uriah Wilson, July 6, 1907, aged 80 years.
- Rock Springs, No. 479: Edward Lamb, Feb. 25, 1907; John W. Callahan, Aug. 4, 1907.
- East Lake, No. 480: Calvin McPhaul, Dec. 8, 1906.
- Locust Fork, No. 481: Jesse S. Robinett, Sept. 5, 1907.
- Monroe, No. 485: Joseph J. Snell, May, 1906.
- Round Mountain, No. 487: Robert A. Hale, May 8, 1907.
- New Decatur, No. 491: L. W. Morris, Aug. 5, 1907, aged 29 years; S. R. Tidwell, Sept. 21, 1907, aged 81 years.
- Carbon Hill, No. 494: James E. Clark, Nov. 19, 1906.
- Delmar, No. 501: William Hicks, Feb. 13, 1907.

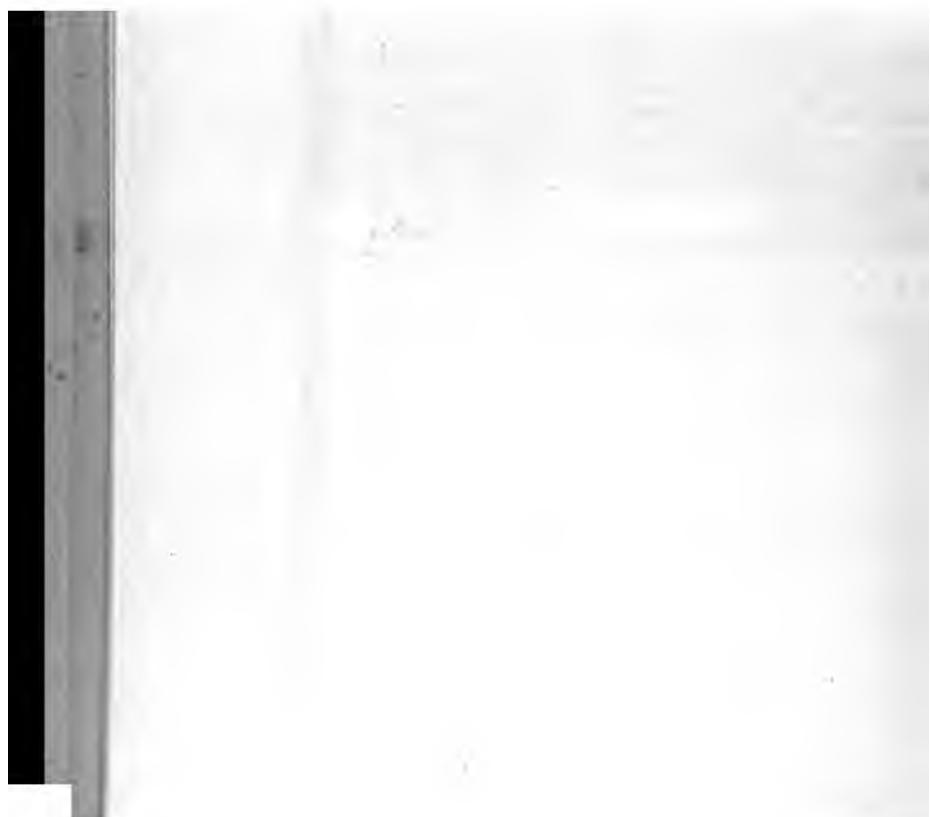
- Caldwell, No. 502: R. H. Hicks, Mch. 20, 1907, aged 54 years.
- Sheffield, No. 503: Louis P. Hebard, Dec. 12, 1906.
- Irondale, No. 506: Thomas C. Culverhouse, July 24, 1907.
- Johns, No. 511: William Lowery, Apr. 10, 1907.
- Cunningham, No. 512: C. I. Cook, June 3, 1907.
- Davis, No. 518: John T. McDaniel, Jan. 25, 1907; Reuben C. Davis, May 19, 1907, aged 65 years; John Abercrombie, Sept. 9, 1907.
- Gurley, No. 521: James C. Flynt, Feb. 25, 1907; James P. Scott, Nov. 16, 1906; Elijah F. Walker, Jan. 13, 1907.
- Almond, No. 523: Joseph H. Mooty, Nov. 25, 1906.
- Berry, No. 524: James W. Boywell, Dec. 10, 1906; Nathaniel Banks, June 1st, 1907.
- Woodlawn Fraternal, No. 525: James R. Mewhinney, June 26, 1907, aged 52 years; Eli C. Pugh, Oct. 4, 1906, aged 50 years.
- Hackleburg, No. 526: David F. Clay, Jan. 11, 1907.
- Brown's X Roads, No. 529: Jefferson T. Cansey, June 28, 1907.
- Sulligent, No. 532: George E. Braun, June 14, 1907.
- Spring Hill, No. 536: Holly Boutwell, Apr. 14, 1907.
- Mt. Union, No. 541: M. W. Grant, April 18, 1907.
- Bridgeport, No. 543: John B. Callan, Mch. 23, 1907.
- H. Clay Armstrong, No. 544: Thomas J. Prim, July 26, 1907.
- Boaz, No. 546: James Morton, Apr. 23, 1907.
- Carney, No. 549: Millard M. Bowers, Mch. 28, 1907, aged 26 years; William T. Clark, Nov. 27, 1906, aged 45 years.
- Dwight, No. 550: Moses P. Inglett, Feb. 8, 1907.
- Fruithurst, No. 551: A. Neff.

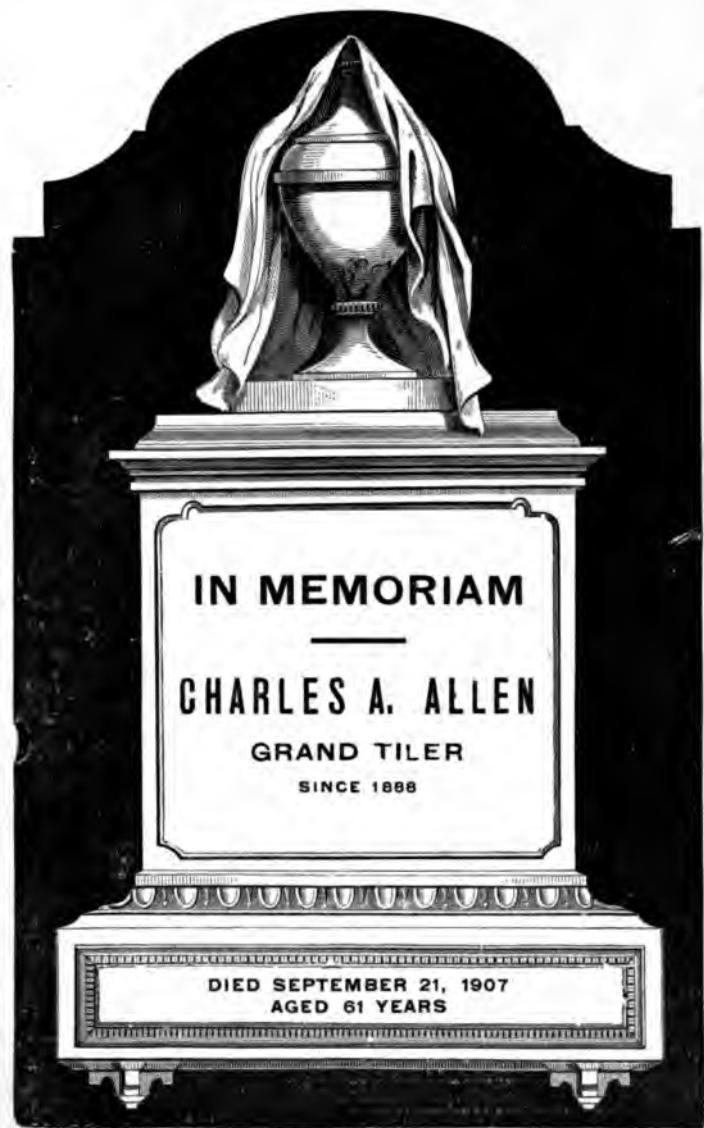
- Holly Pond, No. 555: William J. Dodson, Sept. 16, 1906.
Coal City, No. 556: John G. Barben, Mch. 9, 1907.
Wallace Haralson, No. 558: C. C. McFarland.
Cordora, No. 559: David L. Dawson, May 18, 1907.
Ensley, No. 560: William J. Champion, Oct. 9, 1906;
Frederick Kraft, Jan. 25, 1907, aged 47 years; C.
W. Richter, Sept. 2, 1907, aged 62 years.
Vinemont, No. 562: Thomas J. Burke, July 12, 1907.
Isney, No. 563: Henry A. Hendrix, June 13, 1907.
Gordo, No. 564: John J. Bailey, May 18, 1907, aged
86 years; William H. McGee, Dec. 9, 1906, aged
65 years.
Clio, No. 566: James C. Robinson, Jan. 10, 1907.
Fresco, No. 570: Jesse K. Arrington, Nov. 10, 1907.
Victoria, No. 573: James Dafferson, June 1st, 1907.
Jenifer, No. 577: Jesse T. Dameron, Mch. 5, 1907.
Wilson Shealey, No. 584: Selman C. Knight, Feb. 15,
1907.
North Birmingham, No. 591: W. E. Hausberger, Sept.
10, 1907.
Moody, No. 592: William C. McLaughlin, Jan. 19, 1907,
aged 86 years.
Dolcito, No. 596: Thomas E. Sharit, Feb. 18, 1907.
M. A. Wood, No. 600: John H. Hollis, Jr., June 8, 1907;
William O. Silas, Nov. 13, 1906.
Healing Springs, No. 604: John B. Hamberlin, Oct.
25, 1906.
Olive, No. 606: John R. Mayo, May 27, 1907.
Bentley, No. 607: John W. Byars, Nov. 13, 1906.
Abernethy, No. 615: Thomas F. Smith, Dec. 11, 1906.
Samson, No. 624: Edwin P. Golson, June 8, 1907.
Charles Haynes, No. 627: C. J. Brannock, Nov. 27,

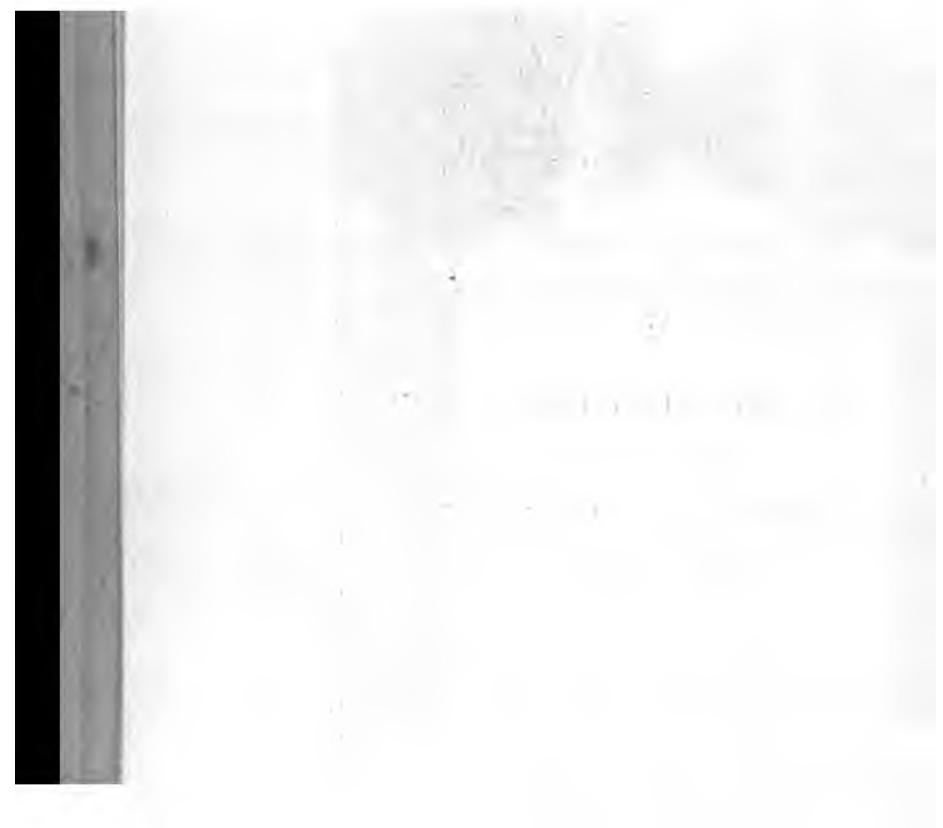
1906; Frank M. Dennis, Mch. 20, 1907.
Hacoda, No. 631: Reuben O. Hart, Oct. 28, 1906.
Franconia, No. 632: James J. Gardner, Jan. 3, 1907;
William Rodgers, July 29, 1907.
Birmingham Temple, No. 636: S. A. Hamilton, May
11, 1907, aged 37 years.
James Mills, No. 638: Marion Cornelius, Feb. 26, 1907.
Dement, No. 654: John F. Gillham, July 26, 1907.
Pythagoras, No. 659: Thomas F. McCarty, June 30,
1907.
William H. Dingley, No. 662: William O. Enfinger,
July 13, 1907, aged 25 years; E. A. Turner, July
27, 1907, aged 38 years.
Lindsey, No. 668: William P. Travis.











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LODGES DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Mt. Moriah -----	No. 55
Nix U. D.-----	647
Ranburne, U. D.-----	652
Arab, U. D.-----	663
Pearces Mills, U. D.-----	669

LODGES DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS
AND PAYING DUES.

St. Stephens -----	No. 81
Bolivar -----	127
Mt. Hope -----	168
Scottsboro -----	359
Newtonville -----	360
Blount Springs -----	393
Falkville -----	396
Oak Level -----	415
Albertville -----	430
Bankhead -----	449
Enon -----	537

LODGES DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Crozier -----	No. 78
Shiloh -----	105
Dean -----	112
Blue Eye -----	332
Ashland -----	356
Mahan -----	490
Delmar -----	501
Arley -----	602

LODGES CONSOLIDATED.

Middleton, No. 527, with Ohatchie, No. 380.

LODGES REINSTATED.

Northport -----	No. 252
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CHARTERS ISSUED.

Newbern -----	No. 102
Scott -----	641
Nix -----	647
Webb -----	648
Arkadelphia -----	650
Celestia -----	653
Excel -----	655
Whiton -----	658
Pythagoras -----	659
Frankville -----	661
Arab -----	663
Stouts -----	666
Mizpah -----	667
Lindsey -----	668
Acacia -----	670
Joe Wheeler -----	671
H. G. Earnest -----	672
Goshen -----	674
Dozier -----	676
Ashlar -----	677

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CHARTERS RESTORED.

Northport -----	No. 252
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DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

Ranburne -----	No. 652
Chancellor -----	664
Paint Rock -----	665
Pearces Mills -----	669
Sylvania -----	673
Loango -----	675
Leverett -----	678
Austinville -----	679
*Koenton -----	680
Jacob -----	681
Jamestown -----	682

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Lodges represented-----	378
Number of Members-----	19,966
Number of Lodges making returns-----	455
Number of Lodges paying dues-----	425
Number of Chartered Lodges on the roll, 1906-----	445
Charters issued 1907-----	20
Charters restored 1907-----	1
	-----466
Number of Chartered Lodges lost by consolidation-----	1
Number of Chartered Lodges on the roll, 1907-----	465
Number of Lodges U. D. on the roll, 1907-----	11
Number of Ministers -----	1,044

*At this writing Koenton Lodge No. 680, has not been organized.

APPENDIX.**WORK OF THE YEAR.**

Initiated -----	2,122
Passed -----	2,035
Raised -----	2,022
Affiliated -----	1,012
Reinstated -----	278
Died -----	307
Dismissed -----	997
Suspended N. P. D.-----	367
Suspended U. C.-----	35
Expelled -----	14

REGISTER OF LODGES.

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REGISTER OF LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA.

NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	MASTER.	SECRETARY.	SEC. ADDRESS.	COMMUNICATION.
1 Hellion.....	Huntsville.....	Madison.....	Leroy C. Stagg.....	Arthur P. Bean.....	2 Tuesday.....	Huntsville.....
2 Alabama.....	Perdue Hill.....	Monroe.....	Reuben Perry.....	Louis N. Lambert.....	2 Tuesday.....	Perdue Hill.....
3 Rising Virtue.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Fuscaloosa.....	Wm. E. Bingham.....	Bryan B. Cooper.....	2 Tuesday.....	Sat on orb fl m
4 Moulton.....	Moulton.....	Lawrence.....	Albert L. Windham.....	Noble G. Delashaw.....	4 Friday.....	Tuscaloosa.....
5 Farrar.....	Grove Hill.....	Clarke.....	Wm. W. Daffin.....	Love N. Pugh.....	4 Wednesday.....	Moulton.....
6 Gillead.....	Elyton.....	Jefferson.....	Frederick A. Smith.....	Horace J. Salter.....	4 Saturday.....	Grove Hill.....
7 Butler.....	K. Choctaw.....	B. Burns.....	B. K. Burns.....	Green B. Bush.....	4 Saturday.....	Birmingham.....
8 George Washington Clinton.....	Clayton.....	D. Grubbs.....	W. D. Grubbs.....	W. J. D. Anglin.....	2 and 4 Monday.....	Butler.....
9 Dale.....	Barbour.....	John L. Harris.....	Thos. D. Harris.....	Wm. H. Dingley.....	2 and 4 Monday.....	Clanton.....
10 Royal White Hart.....	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	John L. Malone.....	Thos. J. Bond.....	1 and 3 Monday.....	Montgomery.....
11 Montgomery.....	Florence.....	Lauderdale.....	Mitchell.....	Wm. H. Mitchell.....	1 and 3 Monday.....	Florence.....
12 Athens.....	Athens.....	Henry C. Thatch.....	James M. Miller.....	Henry J. Fusch.....	1 and 3 Friday.....	Athens.....
13 St. Albans.....	Albans.....	Linden.....	H. T. White.....	E. S. George.....	1 Monday.....	Linden.....
14 Florence.....	Marengo.....	Clinton.....	James C. Benson.....	S. R. McCallie.....	1 Tuesday.....	Tuesday.....
15 Hale.....	Wilcox.....	Carmon.....	James C. Benson.....	Francis M. Purfoy.....	1 Tuesday.....	Clinton.....
16 Lafayette.....	Greensboro.....	Hale.....	L. J. Lawson.....	Wm. E. W. Verby.....	2 Tuesday.....	Camden.....
17 Selma Fraternal.....	Selma.....	Decatur.....	Walter H. Trimby.....	Elbert J. Starr.....	1 and 3 Monday.....	Greensboro.....
18 Rising Sun.....	Dallas.....	Morgan.....	Chas. C. Robertson.....	Wm. H. Mitchell.....	1 and 3 Monday.....	Montgomery.....
19 Autauga.....	Autauga.....	Colbert.....	Wm. E. Wallace.....	Deatur.....	2 Tuesday.....	Florence.....
20 Tuscaloosa.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Lawrence.....	Taylor H. Henry.....	James M. Thompson.....	Last Saturday	Autauga.....
21 Courtland.....	Courtland.....	Elmore.....	John A. Glichrist.....	Alfred F. McCleesky.....	2 Saturday	Tuscaloosa.....
22 Wetumpka.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Adolphe K. Forchheimer.....	John G. Sanderson.....	2 Saturday	Courtland.....
23 Livingston.....	Livingston.....	Sumter.....	Henry A. Forchheimer.....	Robert K. Morris.....	2 Monday.....	Wetumpka.....
24 Hiram.....	Hiram.....	Jacksonville.....	Dudley S. Brockway.....	Joseph R. Little.....	2 Monday.....	Mobile.....
25 Leighton.....	Cahoun.....	Leighton.....	W. B. Arbery.....	E. G. Caldwell.....	2 Monday.....	Dudley S. Brockway.....
26 Harmony.....	Elufaula.....	Colbert.....	John C. Giddens.....	Wm. H. Bradford.....	2 and 4 Tuesday.....	Cahoun.....
27 Demopolis.....	Demopolis.....	Barbour.....	Seth Mabry.....	Jas. P. Hill.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	Elufaula.....
28 Union.....	Uniontown.....	Marengo.....	Jacob Bley.....	Eugene E. Breitling.....	2 and 4 Monday.....	Eufaula.....
29 New Market.....	New Market.....	Perry.....	John S. Kennedy.....	Demopolis.....	2 and 4 Monday.....	Eufaula.....
30 Greening.....	Conceub.....	Madison.....	James T. Walker.....	June Harwood.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	Demopolis.....
31 Amity.....	Evergreen.....	Conceub.....	Henry A. Shields.....	Marcus M. Cochran.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	June Harwood.....
32 Mt. Moriah.....	Eutaw.....	John D. McQueen.....	J. Frank Dean.....	New Market.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	Marcus M. Cochran.....
33 Troy.....	Pickensville.....	W. B. Burgin.....	James I. Lanford.....	Evergreen.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	J. Frank Dean.....
34 Tuskegee.....	Troy.....	Pike.....	D. W. Gross.....	Eutaw.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	Evergreen.....
35 Benton.....	Tuskegee.....	Wm. B. Riley.....	J. Hubbard.....	Pickensville.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	Eutaw.....
36 Lowndes.....	Benton.....	Henry C. Clements.....	Albert S. Danner.....	Troy.....	2 and 4 Thursday.....	Pickensville.....
37 Union Springs.....	Union Springs.....	James M. Staiger.....	James M. Staiger.....	Tuskegee.....	1 and 3 Monday.....	Troy.....
38 Chas. C. Clarke.....	Union Springs.....	Benton.....	Benton.....	Benton.....	1 and 3 Monday.....	Tuskegee.....
39 St. Johns.....	Union Springs.....	Chas. C. Clarke.....	Chas. C. Clarke.....	Union Springs.....	Every Friday	Benton.....

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53 Social...	Bullock...	G. J. Alley...	Midway...	Fri bf 1 & 3 Sun
64 Eureka...	Greenville...	James F. Daniel...	Dunklin...	Greenville.....1 and 3 Monday
65 Hampden	Sidney...	G. W. Chapman...	D. F. Berry...	Grandview.....3 Saturday
66 Robinson	Spes...	Elmore...	Chas. F. Gerald...	Mobile.....1 and 3 Tuesday
67 Howard	Mobile...	Mobile...	James A. Moore...	Montevallo.....Sat on or bf fl m
68 Central	Monroeville	Shelby...	Clifton E. Oliver...	Dadeville.....3 Thursday
71 Dadeville	Willow's Son...	Edward S. Lyman...	O'Neil J. J. Speir...	Furman.....Sat of each fl m
72 Willow's Son...	Furman...	Robert T. Ward...	Wm. E. Bosworth...	Lafayette.....1 and 3 Wednesday
73 Wilcox...	Wilcox...	Geo. A. Barge...	Geo. E. Kysor...	McWilliams.....sa b 2 su & w b 4 su
74 Solomon...	McWilliams...	Geo. E. Williams...	Wm. P. Roberts...	McWilliams.....sa b 2 su & w b 4 su
75 Cokerville...	Wilcox...	Arthur McB. Ransom...	James T. Anderson...	Auburn.....2 and 4 Monday
76 Auburn...	Lee...	Ulysses G. Hudson...	Allen N. Ward...	Choctawco r f d.....1 Sa bf 1 & 3 Sun
77 Crozier...	White Plains...	Frederick V. Maley...	Thos G. Crowder...	Five Pis r f d.....1
78 Crozier...	Calhoun...	Chambers...	Eugene L. McConnico...	Oak Hill.....1 Saturday
79 Wilcox...	Wilcox...	St. Stephens...	Francis B. Gordy...	St. Stephens.....2 Friday
81 St. Stephens...	St. Stephens...	St. Stephens...	Joseph P. Harris...	Centerville.....1 and 3 Saturday
82 Friendship...	Centreville...	Bibb...	Wm. H. McCafferrin...	Brages.....Sat of full moon
84 Erophoric...	Lowndes...	Bragues...	Wm. H. Galines...	Prattville.....1 Monday
85 Prattville...	Prattville...	Autauga...	Joseph H. Bell...	Thomaston.....1 Wednesday
90 Plaster...	Thomaston...	Marengo...	Wm. K. Meigs...	Sa & M aft 4 Sa
91 Henry...	Abbeville...	Henry...	Lucius S. Nichols...	H. Strickland.....2 and 4 Saturday
92 Sawyer...	Randolph...	Randolph...	John L. Gregg...	Wedowee.....2 and 4 Saturday
95 Danville...	Danville...	Morgan...	Martin T. Roden...	Nixon Lucas.....4 Saturday
96 Tuckabatchee...	Crawford...	Russell...	Arthur P. Howell...	Crawford.....2 and 4 Saturday
97 Lozanaatchee...	Piedmont...	Cahoon...	Robert P. Baldwin...	Piedmont.....2 and 4 Saturday
98 Fulton...	Piedmont...	Dallas...	Oliver L. Stewart...	Thomas A. Howell...
99 Salem...	Orville...	Salem...	James I. Kelley...	Orville.....3 Friday
100 Salem...	Oxford...	Cathoun...	Wm. F. Gillett...	Dunn.....3 Friday
101 Hartwell...	Hale...	Cathoun...	B. Dudley Williams...	Salem.....2 and 4 Tuesday
102 Newbern...	Newbern...	Hale...	John H. Turpin...	Oxford.....4 Monday
104 Good Samaritan...	Ioudayeville...	Frank A. Clays...	Milton W. Carothers...	Newbern.....1 and 3 Monday
105 Shiloh...	Tallapoosa...	S. P. Tucker...	Joel A. G. Fuller...	Dadeville r f d.....3 Sat bf 1 Sun
106 Shiloh...	Marengo...	Philip Willingham...	G. W. Hasty...	Dixons Mills.....3 Wednesday
107 Sumterville...	Sumterville...	Joseph M. Gilder...	Wm. H. Brown...	Wet bf fl moon
108 Hermon...	Pushmataha...	Choctaw...	Wm. N. Horn...	Livingstonataha.....4 Saturday
109 Choctaw...	Pleasant Grove...	Wm. T. Taylor...	Curtis I. Eatman...	Pushmataha.....4 Saturday
110 Forest Hill...	Tuscaloosa...	Wm. T. Taylor...	John F. Townsend...	Saturday
111 Sylvan...	Sylvan...	Conchueh...	J. K. Kendall...	Brooklyn.....1 Saturday
112 Dean...	Brooklyn...	DeKalb...	F. L. Tatton...	Brooklyn.....1 Saturday
113 Dean...	Brooklyn...	Riley A. Burt...	J. B. Frazer...	Portersville, Ronde.....1 Saturday
114 Notasulga...	Notasulga...	Francis M. Bryant...	Samuel A. Wood...	Notasulga.....sa & tu on or b fl m
115 Camp Hill...	Camp Hill...	Wm. P. Barnett...	H. E. Ohme...	Camp Hill.....2 and 4 Sat
116 Coffeeville...	Coffeeville...	Clarke...	John W. Jackson...	Andrew J. Pace.....1 Sat & 3 Friday
117 Moundville...	Moundville...	Hale...	Robert A. Owens...	West Bend.....1 Wednesday
118 Herndon...	Union...	Green...	Thomas W. Smith...	Moundville.....1 Saturday
119 Bolivar...	Bolivar...	Jackson...	W. C. Sanders...	Union.....1 & 3 Friday

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129 Geneva.	Geneva.	Wm. O. Mulkey.	Franklin J. Ward.	Genesia f. d. 2	Mon. & 4 Sat	
131 Yorkville.	Ethelsville.	Thos. T. Gore.	Wm. T. Manning.	Ethelsville.	1 Saturday	
132 Roanoke.	Roanoke.	W. G. Floyd.	Hiram E. Hester.	Roanoke.	2 and 4 Tuesdays	
133 Wiley.	Randolph.	W. Monroe McNeil.	Irby H. McNeil.	Omega.	1 and 3 Saturdays	
135 Columbia.	Omega.	Wm. L. Lee.	Harrison Purcell.	Columbia.	M. ar 2 Su & 4 Sat	
136 Unity.	Columbia.	A. B. Curtis.	James W. Gibson.	Culpepper.	4 Sunday	
137 Rockford.	Lower Peachtree Wilcox.	Jas. A. Miller.	A. D. Bentley.	Rockford.	Sat. by 3 Sun	
140 Shelby.	Columbiana.	Geo. E. Mason.	Wm. F. Davis.	Columbiana.	1 m at 2 ss & last ss	
142 Baldwin.	Baldwin.	Philip M. Hodgeson.	Clarence S. Tompkins.	Stockton.	2 and 4 Saturday	
143 Burleson.	Stockton.	James P. Carr.	W. W. Weatherford.	Alanthus.	1 Saturday	
145 Fraternity.	Franklin.	Harvey J. Gibbs.	Geo. F. Bynum.	Blountsville.	1 Saturday	
146 Missouri.	Burleson.	Bullcock.	Eusebius P. Haslam.	Peroe.	1 and 3 Saturday	
147 Rogersville.	Boltonsville.	Louis A. Weaver.	Joseph L. Patterson.	Rogersville.	1 Saturday	
148 Cold Water.	Rogersville.	Jacob U. Fay.	John P. Auton.	Poulsie.	Sa. by 1 & 3 Sun	
149 Chambers.	Woodstock.	W. J. Shay.	W. L. Williams.	Mill Town.	2 and 4 Saturday	
151 Blad'n Springs.	New Hope.	H. A. Powe.	S. G. Barnes.	Bladon Springs.	Fri br 3 Sunday	
153 Monroeville.	Choctaw.	Thos. M. McMillan.	Q. Salter.	Monroeville.	Fri b 1 & W b 3 Su	
154 Nixburg.	Monroeville.	Lofton Thomas.	Simeon A. Thomas.	Nixburg.	Sat. b 1 Sunday	
155 Eastaboga.	Coosa.	James A. Harris.	Alonzo Montgomery.	McFall, r. f. d.	Sat. br 1 and 3 Sun	
156 Penick.	Talladega.	James A. Howle.	A. J. Langley.	Claude.	Sat. br 3 Sunday	
157 Hendrix.	Eclectic.	Elmore.	Thomas J. Marcus.	Plantersville.	1 Saturday	
158 Fayetteville.	Talladega.	Franklin J. Tread.	Oliver P. Looney.	Fayetteville.	2 Saturday	
159 Mount Hope.	Fayetteville.	Thos. A. Ogletree.	Wm. R. Jackson.	Mt. Hope.	Fri br 3 Sun	
160 Elba.	Lawrence.	Joseph R. Martin.	John S. Windham.	Elba.	1 Saturday	
161 Arlington.	Coffee.	Arthur V. Buck.	John W. Powell.	Ozark r. f. d.	1 and 3 Saturday	
162 Fellowship.	Dale.	S. S. Jones.	Wm. J. Carpenter.	Reform.	4 Saturday	
163 Andrew Jackson.	Reform.	James D. Lowe.	Henry D. Long.	Montgomery.	1 and 3 Tuesday	
164 Montgomery.	Pickens.	Frank C. Baugh.	J. J. Clary.	Troy r. f. d. 3.	Sat br 4 Sunday	
165 Pike.	Montgomery.	Pike.	B. F. Kelly.	Jacchin.	3 Saturday	
166 DeSotoville.	Choctaw.	DeSotoville.	John C. Christopher.	John C. Christopher.	Th. b 2 & 4 Sat	
167 Mt. Hilliard.	Choctaw.	Mt. Hilliard.	Paul D. Moore.	Thompson.	Tu. ar 2 & 3 Sun	
168 Brundidge.	Bullock.	Brundidge.	R. C. Dickinson.	B. H. Boyd.	Alex. City r. d. 6.	
169 Mt. Eagle.	Pike.	Newsite.	Richard R. Slaughter.	I. M. Davis.	4 Saturday	
170 Asaville.	Tallapoosa.	Asaville.	Noah A. Hood.	Foster Freeman.	1 Friday	
171 Land Mark.	St. Clair.	Hezekiah S. Thornton.	Wm. J. Lewis.	Ashville.	2 Saturday	
172 Clintonville.	Knoxville.	Clintonville.	Geo. W. Taylor.	Clintonville.	4 Saturday	
173 Delta.	Clintonville.	Coffee.	Benj. F. Warren.	Womack Hill.	1 Friday	
174 Delta.	Womack Hill.	T. R. Lenoir.	E. A. Cox.			

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180	Tombigbee	Jefferson	Marengo	H. Gregory	Lawrence J. Pace	Jefferson	3 Saturday
192	Chattahoochee	River View	Chambers	J. T. Smith	W. A. Hodges	River View	2 and 4 Saturday
193	Hopewell	Bullock	Bullock	Wm. E. Walker	Julius C. Allard	Mitchells	2 and 4 Friday
197	Hilliabee	Goodwater	Gordon	Geo. W. McElhinney	Larry A. Grogan	Goodwater	2 b su. fri b 4 su
198	Caledonia	Houston	H. E. Hall	H. L. Wofford	H. L. Wofford	Gordon	s b su. 1 and 3 Saturday
199	Killige	Elmore	John T. Carroll	Allan L. Hamilton	Allan L. Hamilton	Tallasseee Route 2	1 and 3 Saturday
200	Sylacauga	Talladega	Sterling P. McDonald	Fred Prather	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	3 Saturday
201	La Pine	La Pine	Shadrach M. Michael	Alex B. Perdue	La Pine r f d. 1	Thib 1 & 3 Sat	Thib 1 & 3 Sat
204	Pike Road	Pike Road	W. G. Morrison	M. F. Rinn	Pike Road	Pike Road	2 Saturday
207	Elkmont	Montgomery	Henry C. Massenburg	James O. Holt	Elkmont	Elkmont	2 and 4 Tues
208	Alexandria	Elkmont	Davis D. Weaver	Bailey G. McCleien	Fri on or b 1 m	Fri on or b 1 m	Fri on or b 1 m
209	Marshall	Alexandria	W. B. Hope	Samuel H. Tyler	Guntersville	Guntersville	Sat bf 2 Sunday
211	York	Guntersville	James M. Cranford	Thos. B. Hazelton	Jasper	Jasper	tun or b 1 m 2 tuaf
212	Putnam	Marshall	Wm. B. Johns	Francis M. Handley	Louina	Louina	2 and 4 Fridays
214	Carrollton	Carrollton	Pickens	M. B. Curry	J. F. Hodge	Carrollton	1 and 3 Saturday
218	Sam Dixon	Centre	Thomas Bradford	Allie S. Johnson	Centre	Centre	3 Thursday
219	Linerville	Lineville	Robert A. Spear	Walter S. Smith	Lineville	Lineville	2 and 4 Tues
221	Tensaw	Tensaw	Baldwin	John B. Davis	H. W. Slaughter	Tensaw	2 and 4 Saturday
222	Western Star	Cuba	Sid A. Ward	Henry H. Andrews	Cuba	Fri bf 4 Sunday	Fri bf 4 Saturday
223	Mt. Carmel	Mt. Carmel	Montgomery	Geo. W. Dean	J. B. Stockard	Fri bf 3 Sunday	Fri bf 3 Sunday
224	Newton	Newton	Dale	Joseph H. Williams	Sellers r f d. 1	Newton	1 and 3 Saturday
225	Louisville	Louisville	Barbour	Adam A. Capel	James A. Baxter	Louisville	1 and 3 Saturday
226	Santa Fe	Jackson	Clarke	Clyde P. Loranz	James B. McLeod	Jackson	1 and 3 Saturday
227	James Penn	Clifton	Date	Thos. R. Horn	Wm. N. Reeder	Blue Spgs.	2 and 4 Saturday
228	Dallas	Chulaflinnee	Cleburne	Samuel B. Gasten	Wm. J. Haywood	DeArmanville, R. 1	2 and 4 Saturday
229	Bexar	Bexar	Marion	John C. Northington	John L. Confield	Bearar	3 Saturday
231	Duck Springs	Keener	Etoah	Henry P. Smith	Wm. T. Chumley	Keener Route 3	3 Saturday
233	Sepulga	New Hope	Conech	Thos. A. Jones	Mark A. Lane	Georgiana r f d. 4	3 Saturday
235	Gadsden	Gadsden	Etoah	Claude E. Connor	Henry B. Myers	Gadsden	2 and 4 Tuesday
238	Fairmount	Red Level	Covington	John R. Clark	Red Level	Red Level	2 and 4 Saturdays
240	Bowen	Whistler	Mobile	Nathaniel S. Gray	Wm. U. Martin	Whistler	1 Thursday
241	Coosa	Elmore	Elmore	Adair K. Whetstone	W. R. Whetstone	Titus	1 Saturday
242	Buyck	Montgomery	Buyck	Arthur L. Guite	Ramer	Ramer	1 Saturday
243	Ramer	Oaky Streak	Butler	James W. Little	Thos. H. Brook	Oaky Streak	Sat. bf 1 and 3 Sun
244	Dawson	Fernbank	Lamar	Marcus R. Sevy	John M. Ayers	Fernbank r f d. 1	Sat bf 3 Sunday
245	John Payne	Henderson	Pike	Richard D. Windham	Erasmus A. Easters	Troy r f d. 6	4 Sat
246	Harrison	Harrison	Seddon	D. H. Carpenter	J. E. Marbury	Riverside	Sat on or bf 1 m
247	Lawrence	Lawrenceville	St. Clair	V. M. L. McGee	J. D. Hendley	Lawrenceville	2 Saturday
248	Amund	Cooper	Lawrenceville	James S. Jones	John W. Dennis	Cooper	4 Saturday
250	Honoraville	Honoraville	Chilton	Samuel M. Crowell	Chas. L. Kettler	Honoraville	1 Saturday
251	Northport	Northport	Zimri Shirley	Zimri Shirley	John T. Beale	Northport	4 Monday

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253 Rose Hill.....	Rose Hill.....	Covington.....	Man Bryant.....	Morgan W. Howell.....	Dozier r f d. 1.....	2 and 4 Saturday
254 Quitman.....	Shell.....	Butler.....	Ely P. Rigby.....	Robert C. Stewart.....	Georgiana r f d. 2.....	2 and 4 Saturday
255 Gaylesville.....	Gaylesville.....	Cherokee.....	Elwin J. Chesnut.....	Wm. G. Daniel.....	Jamestown r f d. 1.....	2 & 4 Sat
256 Ervin.....	Townley.....	Walker.....	Joseph E. Grace.....	Marvin D. King.....	Lowney.....	Sat b 2 & 4 Sunday
257 Talladega.....	Talladega.....	Talladega.....	Wm. Z. Jackson.....	Robert P. Henderson.....	Talladega.....	1 and 3 Friday
258 Mt. Pleasant.....	Elkska.....	Monroe.....	James J. Chadwick.....	Benj. W. Reavis.....	Walnut Grove.....	Saturday
259 Pea River Home.....	Victoria.....	Butler.....	D. D. Cole.....	Z. Turperville.....	Shibboleth.....	f b su, sa, b 4 su
260 Bullock.....	Brantley.....	Crenshaw.....	D. John.....	James A. Lazenby.....	Forest Home.....	Sat bf 1 Sunday
261 Larkinsville.....	Larkinsville.....	Jackson.....	Chas C. Colquett.....	James H. Nolin.....	New Broc n. rfd. 2.....	2 3 Saturday
262 Northinston.....	New Hope.....	Madison.....	P. F. Cowart.....	W. D. Colquette.....	Brantley.....	2 and 4 Monday
263 Springville.....	Springville.....	St. Clair.....	Nathaniel Whittaker.....	R. E. Jones.....	Larkinsville.....	and 4 Saturday
264 Chas. Basserville.....	Fayette.....	Fayette.....	Edward M. McClendon.....	G. M. Hayden.....	New Hope.....	Sat on or b, fl m
265 Georgia.....	Georgia.....	Butler.....	Geo. W. Coggin.....	Daniel O. McConnell.....	Springville.....	Sa b 1 & 3 Sunday
266 Clinton.....	Skipperville.....	Dale.....	Oliver H. Warren.....	Kinney L. Davis.....	Georgiana.....	Sat bf 1 Sunday
267 Hill-Spic.....	Banksboro.....	Fayette.....	Chas. W. Mizell.....	Thos. W. Loftin.....	Clopton r f d. 2.....	1 and 3 Saturday
268 Port Deposit.....	Ft. Deposit.....	Lowndes.....	Freeman S. Jenkins.....	Rutus V. Jenkins.....	Corona r f d. 1.....	Sat bf 3 Sunday
269 Norris.....	Brewton.....	Escambia.....	Andrew F. Brooks.....	Wm. L. Hairston.....	Ft. Deposit.....	1 & 3 Sun
270 Winfield.....	Winfield.....	Marion.....	John B. O'Bannon.....	Thos. S. Sowell, Sr.....	Brewton.....	1 and 3 Mondays
271 Central City.....	Selma.....	Dallas.....	Thos. V. Hill.....	Jesse H. Couch.....	Winfield.....	Sat bf 4 Sun
272 Warrenton.....	Utton Grove.....	Marshall.....	Theophilus Lacy.....	Isaac Yaretsky.....	Selma.....	2 Wednesday
273 Bear Creek.....	Bear Creek.....	Marion.....	E. H. Couch.....	Jas. O. Johnston.....	Utton Grove.....	3 Saturday
274 Holly Grove.....	Princeton.....	Jackson.....	W. H. Filippo.....	T. W. Benefield.....	Bear Creek.....	Sa o 1 & 3 Sun
275 Oneonta.....	Oneonta.....	Bloomnt.....	Albert Trice.....	Logan A. Graham.....	Princeton.....	2 and 3 Saturday
276 Charity.....	Six Mile.....	Bibb.....	Aquila J. Keichum.....	James A. Brice.....	Oneonta.....	1 & 3 Saturday
277 Blue Eye.....	Lincoln.....	Chas. E. Haskin.....	Wm. C. Trott.....	Six Mile.....	Six Mile.....	1 & 3 Saturday
278 Clarke.....	Thomasville.....	Talladega.....	A. H. Griffin.....	J. A. Poe.....	Lincoln.....	Sat bf 1 m
279 Oliver.....	Nanafalia.....	Clarke.....	Norman Gunn.....	James F. DeLoach.....	Thomasville.....	1 Saturday
280 Georgia.....	Davis.....	Marion.....	Wm. A. Moncrief.....	S. Graham Stone.....	Nanafalia.....	3 Saturday
281 Clear Creek.....	Trussville.....	Jefferson.....	Andrew J. Goodwin.....	D. N. Talley.....	Trussville.....	Sat bf 4 Sunday
282 Ragan.....	Lynn.....	Winston.....	Wm. M. Barton.....	Wm. L. Long.....	Lynn.....	1 Saturday
283 Hamilton.....	Iron City.....	Calhoun.....	John J. Brock.....	Wilson P. Howell.....	Iron City.....	Sat bf 4 Sunday
284 Echo.....	Hamilton.....	Marion.....	Jas. T. Johnson.....	Harvey O. Sargent.....	Hamilton.....	4 Saturday
285 Hurtisboro.....	Hurtisboro.....	Echo.....	John L. Hunt.....	James L. Miller.....	Ozark r f d. 6.....	2 and 4 Saturday
286 Ozark.....	Ozark.....	Russell.....	S. A. Powell.....	J. G. Fruett.....	Hurtsboro.....	1 Thursday
287	Ozark.....	Dale.....	L. W. Kolb.....	H. O. Dowling.....	Ozark.....	1 and 3 Monday

351	Wilson Williams	Phoenix City	Lee	Chas. W. Hancox	Prince W. Greene	2 and 4 Saturday
354	Heaton	Graham	Randolph	John W. Thomason	John G. Coker	2 and 4 Saturday
355	Van Buren	Collinsville	De Kalb	Wm. A. Wilbanks	Robert M. Crump	Friday
356	Ashland	Ashland	Clay	G. W. Mackey	James H. Mayo	sat b ² & 4 Sun
357	Pleasant Home	Pleasant Home	Croshaw	Jas. M. Whitley	Leon Killough	Put ledge r d 1. Sat b ¹ & 3 Sun
358	Burkholder	Hull	Lusciousa	John R. Mosley	Henry Ryan	Every Thursday
359	Scottsboro	Scottsboro	Jackson	John R. Freeman	James A. Kyle	Every 3 Saturday
360	Newtonville	Newtonville	Payette	James A. Thornton	Parley W. Jones	1 and 3 Saturday
361	Town Creek	Town Creek	Lawrence	G. F. Craft	Henry G. Almon	Newton Creek
362	Chester Park	Warrior	Jefferson	Robert L. Mitchell	W. J. Carlisle	Town Creek
363	Pleasant Site	Franklin	Plasant Site	John B. Padin	Warrior	4 Thurs.
364	Houston	Double Springs	Winston	Geo. W. Adams	John D. Mann	1. Mon & 3 Sat
365	Athelstan	Mobile	Mobile	Myron T. Prague	Francis H. Burtram	Sat b ¹ & 3 Sun
366	Russellville	Franklin	Franklin	William W. White	Chas. S. Shawhan	Double Spgs.
367	Gainesville	Sumter	Sumter	Wm. J. Monette	Edwin R. Freeman	Mobile
368	Lake City	Covington	Florala	J. R. Shepherd	Roof Hibbler	Russellville
369	Weoguka	Coosa	Coosa	Geo. H. Stewart	M. S. Boles	Mon bf 3 Sun
370	Robert E. Lee	Wilcox	Weoguka	R. T. Stewart	R. T. Stewart	Mon bf 4 Saturday
371	Olatchee	Pine Apple	Wilcox	Simon Patterson	W. F. Snowden	Sat bf 1 Sunday
372	E. H. Cook	Cathoum	Wilcox	Elli D. McHarg	Wm. H. Nunnelley	Sat bf 2 su. ev 4 W
373	Attalla	Etowah	Wilcox	John H. Malone	Wm. H. Hatchee	Sat bf 1 Sun
374	Birmingham Frater	Attala	Etowah	John P. Stewart	John W. Gaston	Sat bf 2 Saturday
375	Trinity	Jefferson	Jefferson	Arthur G. Gledhill	Mat. T. Stradford	2 Friday
376	Newburgh	Morgan	Morgan	Daniel M. Sims	J. W. Emens	3 Tuesday
377	Vernon	Lamar	Franklin	Wm. J. Thompson	Isaac L. Graves	Attala
378	Weathers	Wesobulka	Lamar	John C. Miller	David T. Allen	Birmingham
379	North Border	Limestone	Wesobulka	W. J. Knight	Elias B. Knight	1. & 3 Monday
380	Hickory Flat	Stroud	Wesobulka	M. R. Wilkinson	Harrie C. Fariss	Sat on or bf 1 m.
381	Blount Springs	Charmers	Stroud	N. L. Littlefield	Mat. T. Birmingham	Sat on or bf 1 sun.
382	Valley Head	Blount	Charmers	F. E. Belahan	J. W. Emens	Trinity
383	Falkville	Morgan	Blount	Wm. T. Fuller	A. P. Birch	Blount Spgs.
384	Black Oak	Hartsville	Blount	W. H. Junkens	Geo. M. D. Lowery	Blount
385	Hartselle	Morgan	Blount	Simon H. Steward	O. B. Nelli	Blount
386	Haw Ridge	Dale	Blount	Andrew A. Oden	Levi B. Lackey	Blount
387	Hanceville	Haw Ridge	Blount	Jesse M. Carmichael	Robert Sobotta	Blount
388	Green Hill	Lauderdale	Blount	Jesse M. Carmichael	Peter A. Clark	Blount
389	Childersburg	Elmore	Blount	G. C. Thirkpen	W. R. Lowery	Blount
390	Dorie	Tallassee	Blount	J. C. Ballards	F. S. McDonald	Blount
391	Hartford	Hartford	Blount	C. H. Butler	Alonzo Mason	Blount
392	Helema	Genoa	Blount	Henry L. Goff	Jesse M. Riley	Blount
393	Jemison	Helema	Blount	R. V. Ray	Thos. L. Green	Blount
394	Jemison	Chilton	Blount	L. H. Reynolds	R. A. Rasco	Blount

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412 Amberson	Spring Garden, Cherokee.	James D. Amberson.	Thos. M. White.	Spring Garden.	Sat bf 1 Sunday	Sat bf 1 Sunday
415 Oak Level,	Oak Level, Cleburne.	Anrew J. Grimes.	Geo. W. Roberts.	Fruithurst.	Sat bf 1 Sunday	Sat bf 1 Sunday
416 Williamsburg	Palo.	J. R. Lawson.	H. A. Mullens.	East Lake.	Saturday	Saturday
417 George Smith	Short Creek.	Jos. B. Vines.	Jackson R. Reeves.	Jefferson r f d. 6.	1 Saturday	1 Saturday
419 Hilton.	Marylee.	Benj. F. Tingie.	John R. Braden.	Marylee.	4 Saturday	4 Saturday
420 Broomtown.	Broomtown.	Miles A. Moseley.	John A. Tallent.	Jameson.	Sat bf 2 Sunday	Sat bf 2 Sunday
421 Cullman Fraternal	Cullman.	Finis E. St. John.	Otto L. Stoll.	Cullman.	2 and 4 Monday	2 and 4 Monday
422 Shorterville.	Shorterville.	Sidney E. Mills.	Harrison F. Mills.	Shorterville.	Sat bf 1 & 3 Sun	Sat bf 1 & 3 Sun
423 Stanton.	Chanton.	J. R. Mullins.	Allie C. Smith.	Clanton.	Saturday,	Saturday,
425 Temple.	Marion.	Frank H. Bates.	Wm. R. Petree.	Belgreen.	2 Tuesday	2 Tuesday
426 Belgreen.	Perry.	Geo. W. Dillard.	Chas. G. Howard.	Shorter.	1 and 3 Friday	1 and 3 Friday
428 Milo Abercrombie.	Shorter.	Louis A. Lyon.	T. J. Bruce.	Albertville.	3 Fri & 1 Wed	3 Fri & 1 Wed
429 Albertville.	Albertville.	Marshall.	W. M. Coleman.	Lawrence J. Saiter.	Andalusia.	1 Sat & Fri bf 3 Sat
430 Steel's Station.	St. Clair.	Steele.	John A. Gallant.	Fred Smith.	3 Fri & 1 Sun	3 Fri & 1 Sun
431 Andalusia.	Andalusia.	Covington.	Clive E. Held.	N. S. Walker.	Alexander City.	1 Sat & Fri bf 3 Sat
432 Ware.	Alexander City.	Tallapoosa.	J. M. Pearson.	Hewett I. Bennett.	Foot.	2 Saturday
433 Winston Star.	EIK.	Winston.	Marlin Wilson.	Hiram A. McSpadden.	For Payne.	3 Friday
434 Fort Payne.	Fort Payne.	Thos. J. Cook.	J. I. Hodges.	Headland.	1 and 3 Saturday	1 and 3 Saturday
435 Headland.	Henry.	Henry.	John H. Armstrong.	Cedar Bluff r f d. 1.	Sat bf 2 Sun	Sat bf 2 Sun
436 Mount Vernon.	Kirk's Grove.	John W. O'Bryant.	James B. Chapman.	Key.	Sat bf 4 Sunday	Sat bf 4 Sunday
437 Forney.	Cherokee.	Thomas.	John F. Brown.	Anniston.	2 and 4 Tuesday	2 and 4 Tuesday
438 Anniston.	Anniston.	C. A. Williamson.	M. H. Rudisill.	Calera.	2 and 4 Saturday	2 and 4 Saturday
439 Calera.	Cahoon.	Irvin W. Bailey.	Thos. C. McKibbons.	Caffey.	Fri bf 1 and 3 Sun	Fri bf 1 and 3 Sun
440 Leeds.	Shelby.	Tobias R. Kreider.	Hugh T. Caffey.	Leeds.	3 and 4 Saturday	3 and 4 Saturday
441 Jefferson.	Jefferson.	Richard Saunders.	M. D. Swann.	Taylor.	2 and 4 Saturday	2 and 4 Saturday
442 Coalburg.	Taylor.	C. S. Williams.	Wm. E. Sherman.	B'ham r f d. 7.	1 and 4 Saturday	1 and 4 Saturday
443 Bankhead.	Prude & Creek.	A. Gilbert.	I. I. Burchfield.	Cohort.	2 and 4 Thursday	2 and 4 Thursday
444 Florida.	Tuscaloosa.	A. L. Stovall.	E. R. Dickerson.	Dolomite.	1 and 3 Thursday	1 and 3 Thursday
445 Dolomite.	Pruit City.	Jefferson.	E. L. Boyd.	Corona.	Sat bf 1 & 3 Sun	Sat bf 1 & 3 Sun
446 Calera.	Dolomite.	Clarence P. Burns.	W. P. Blevis.	Opelika.	2 & 4 Tuesdays	2 & 4 Tuesdays
447 Taylor.	Walker.	W. M. Cunningham.	Edgar J. Tucker.	Blanton r f d. 3.	2 & 4 Saturday	2 & 4 Saturday
448 Coalburg.	Lee.	Benj. E. Brownfield.	Norman L. Blanton.	Blanton r f d. 2.	1 and 4 Sat	1 and 4 Sat
449 Mud Creek.	Opelika.	Geo. G. Williams.	H. T. McGenehee.	Morris r f d. 2.	Fri and 4 Saturday	Fri and 4 Saturday
450 Harris.	Beulah.	Sam Thompson.	Jefferson.	Jeff D. Cowen.	2 and 4 Saturday	2 and 4 Saturday
451 Bessemer.	Morris.	F. R. Messenger.	Wm. C. Howton.	Adger, r. f. d.	1 and 3 Monday	1 and 3 Monday
452 Bessemer.	Mud Creek.	Jefferson.	Joseph H. Willes.	Bessemer.	Delta.	Delta.
453 Bessemer.	Jefferson.	Jefferson.	W. G. Preston.	W. G. Preston.	Clay.	Clay.
454 Hardy Howle.	Delta.					

460 King Solomon.....	Birmingham.....	John J. Wirth.....	John S. White.....	John M. Self.....	Birmingham.....	2 and 4 Tuesday
461 Ben Sims.....	Jefferson.....	Felix M. Moore.....	John M. Self.....	John M. Self.....	Trussville rd. 1.....	Sat bf 2 Sunday
462 Corinthian.....	Clay.....	Shelby.....	B. D. Miller.....	J. R. Nabors.....	Saginaw.....	2 and 4 Saturday
463 Addison.....	Saginaw.....	Aaron B. Speakman.....	Giles B. Lester.....	Addison.....	Saturday	Saturday
464 Haleyville.....	Winston.....	A. D. Mitchell.....	A. G. Blanton.....	Haleyville.....	Fri bf 2 & 4 Sun	3 Saturday
465 Oakman.....	Walker.....	S. H. Moore.....	R. W. Jackson.....	Oakman.....	2 Sa & Tu bf 4 Sat	2 Sa & Tu bf 4 Sat
466 Dothan.....	Houston.....	Benj. O. Hay.....	Wm. D. Sanders.....	Dothan.....	2 Sa & Tu bf 4 Sat	2 Sa & Tu bf 4 Sat
467 Kennedy.....	Kennedy.....	A. B. Collins.....	J. L. Kennedy.....	Kennedy.....	1 Saturday	1 Saturday
468 Bethany.....	Clarke.....	John Pettis.....	Joseph A. Pettis.....	Tattnallba.....	2 Saturday	2 Saturday
469 Enterprise.....	Coaling.....	James D. Wilder.....	Wm. T. Flakes.....	Coalings.....	Sat by 1 Sunday	Sat by 1 Sunday
470 Hoke's Buff.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Franklin P. Landers.....	C. Barnes.....	Hoke's Bluff.....	Sat bf 2 Sunday	Sat bf 2 Sunday
471 Mt. Willing.....	Etowah.....	Walter J. Coker.....	M. H. Hagood.....	Mt. Willing.....	sa on or bf m.2 th a	sa on or bf m.2 th a
472 Baileyton.....	Lowndes.....	Cullinan.....	Robert Elrod.....	Joppa r f d. 2.....	Sat bf 2 Sunday	Sat bf 2 Sunday
473 Stanton.....	Chilton.....	Wm. J. Ruddick.....	Thomas D. Parnell.....	Stanton.....	Tues on or bef f m	Tues on or bef f m
474 Blocton.....	Bibb.....	J. Morean Turner.....	David M. Lewis.....	Blocton.....	1 and 3 Mondays	1 and 3 Mondays
475 Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	I. H. Luther.....	W. D. McQueen.....	Deatsville r f d. 1.....	1 Saturday	1 Saturday
476 Avondale.....	Deatsville.....	J. H. Ellis.....	E. E. Howard.....	Avonable.....	1 and 3 Tuesdays	1 and 3 Tuesdays
477 Rentro.....	Talladega.....	Wm. B. Dupree.....	Hugh G. Ambrester.....	Rentroe.....	2 and 4 Saturdays	2 and 4 Saturdays
478 Guin.....	Gulf.....	Joseph D. Gann.....	James H. Riley.....	Guin.....	Sat bf 3 Sunday	Sat bf 3 Sunday
479 Rock Springs.....	Rock Springs.....	Chambers.....	Geo. W. Newman.....	LaFayette.....	1 and 3 Saturday	1 and 3 Saturday
480 East Lake.....	East Lake.....	Jefferson.....	Olin B. Newman.....	Judge H. Cornwall.....	1 and 3 Friday	1 and 3 Friday
481 Locust Fork.....	Locust Fork.....	E. L. Tidwell.....	R. L. McCay.....	Adville.....	1 and 3 Saturday	1 and 3 Saturday
482 Millport.....	Millport.....	Lewis C. Blakney.....	John M. Propst.....	Milport.....	Sat bf 4 Sunday	Sat bf 4 Sunday
483 Davis Fraternal.....	Dora.....	Geo. S. Griffin.....	Francis T. Lantrip.....	Dora.....	Sa b 2 su, th b 4 su	Sa b 2 su, th b 4 su
484 Lebanon.....	Lecta.....	James T. J. Brown.....	Thos. O. Powe.....	Coy.....	Fri bf 2 Sunday	Fri bf 2 Sunday
485 Monroe.....	Monroe.....	Robert W. McCants.....	Angus J. McEachern.....	Bells Mills rd. 1.....	1 Saturday	1 Saturday
486 Cedar Bluff.....	Cedar Bluff.....	James F. Burnett.....	Thos. O. Powe.....	Cedar Bluff.....	Thurs b 4 Sun	Thurs b 4 Sun
487 Round Mountain.....	Round Mountain.....	James M. Pridgen.....	W. S. McElrath.....	Round Mountain.....	Saturday	Saturday
488 Burnt Corn.....	Burnt Corn.....	James K. Kyser.....	Ajax O. Brantley.....	Burnt Corn.....	2 Wednesday	2 Wednesday
489 Mahan.....	Monroe.....	Joseph A. Rice.....	John R. Maddox.....	Henagar.....	1 Monday	1 Monday
490 New Decatur.....	New Decatur.....	W. B. Henderson.....	Claude McMillan.....	New Decatur.....	2 and 4 Saturday	2 and 4 Saturday
491 Wylam.....	Wylam.....	W. M. Elliott.....	John M. Montgomery.....	Wylam.....	1 and 3 Saturday	1 and 3 Saturday
492 Ashford.....	Ashford.....	Jos. G. Sexton.....	B. Z. Hamrick.....	Ashford Hill.....	1 and 3 Saturday	1 and 3 Saturday
493 Carbon Hill.....	Carbon Hill.....	Geo. W. Walker.....	James M. Gann.....	Carbon Hill.....	2 Saturday	2 Saturday
494 Pinson.....	Pinson.....	Tobias Zoph.....	W. L. Rice.....	Pinson.....	Friday	Friday
495 Sunny South.....	Sunny South.....	Solomon L. Strickland.....	John D. Carmichael.....	Sunny South.....	2 Saturday	2 Saturday
496 Baldwin.....	Bay Minette.....	James M. Standard.....	David C. Byrne.....	Bay Minette.....	1 and 3 Saturday	1 and 3 Saturday
497 Cleveland.....	McLarty.....	John W. Morton.....	Richard M. Johnston.....	Brooksville rd. 1.....	Sat bf 1 Sunday	Sat bf 1 Sunday
498 Logan.....	Logan.....	J. A. Vickery.....	W. T. Jeggars.....	Logan.....	Sat bf 4 Sunday	Sat bf 4 Sunday
499 Delmar.....	Natural Bridge.....	T. J. Dupree.....	R. L. Montgomery.....	Natural Bridge.....	2 Saturday	2 Saturday
500 Caldwell.....	Cleburne.....	Fred Osborn.....	J. T. Boyd.....	Henn.....	Th bf 4 Sunday	Th bf 4 Sunday

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303 Shiloh L.	Sheffield	Colbert	Louis Junker	Addison W. Clem		3 and 4 Friday
304 Midland City	Midland City	Dale	John W. Daniel	Acton M. Hawkins	Middle City	3 and 4 Saturday
305 Irondale	Irondale	Jefferson	Almus J. McPhail	Martion N. George	Irondale	2 and 4 Saturday
306 George Morrow	Blount	Brewer	John M. Brewer	Herbert S. Chiles	Village Spring	1 and 3 Saturday
307 Mt. Signal	Village Spgs.	Cherokee	Wm. J. Brittain	Chas. K. Green	Rock Run Station	Sat on or bf fl m
308 Brookwood	Brookwood	Tuscaloosa	John H. Jones	Brookwood	2 and 4 Saturday	
309 Brookwood	Brookwood	Thornton Lavender	John H. Jones	Wilsonville	Th. by 2 & 4 Sun	
310 Wilsonville	Wilsonville	Shelby	Raeey G. Weldon	Johns	Johns	2 and 4 Wednesday
311 Wilsonville	Wilsonville	Jefferson	S. H. Strickland	James Caudley	Adamsville route 1.	2 and 4 Wednesday
312 Birmingham	Blossburg	Houston	W. J. McMurrin	L.T. Shiflett	Cottonwood	2 and 4 Saturday
313 Coonwood	Coonwood	St. Clair	Wm. J. Ham	Willis C. Granger	Ragland	2 and 4 Saturday
314 James D. Truss	Raxford	Chambers	Wm. J. Walker	Wm. T. Floyd	Lanerdale	2 and 4 Saturday
315 Marmonia	Lundale	Chambers	Wm. N. Mitchell	Cary P. Ganit	(Crossville r f d 2)	2 and 4 Saturday
316 Lewis	Rossville	Dekalb	Martin H. Dodd	James A. Milwee	Crossville r f d 2	2 and 4 Saturday
317 Gurley	Lewisburg	Jefferson	James M. Masssey	J. T. Hawkes	Lewisburg	2 and 4 Saturday
318 Gurley	Gurley	Madison	W. A. Walker	B. E. Graham	Gurley	Sat on or bf fl m
319 Carrington	Gumble Mines	Walker	Thos. P. DeWeese	James M. Chism	Gamble Mines	Sat bf 2 & 4 Sun
320 Almond	Almond	Baldophil	Stephen S. Stephens	Wm. H. Welch	Truett	Sat bf 2 & 4 Sun
321 Berry	Berry	Payette	Geo. W. Cline	John C. Shepherd	Berry	2 & 4 Saturdays
322 Woodlawn Frater	Woodlawn	Jefferson	Harry G. Colmer	Peter B. Mize	Woodlawn	1 and 3 Thursdays
323 Hackleburg	Hackleburg	Marion	Levi M. Raburn	Wm. W. Frederick	Hackleburg	2 and 4 Sunday
324 Brown's A. Roads	Brown's X Rds.	Henry	Martin C. Stephenson	James M. Whitehead	Head a r f d	3 and 4 Sun
325 Muscadine	Muscadine	Cleburne	Israel N. Mitnick	Joseph M. Brown	Muscadine	Sat bf 4 Sunday
326 Muscadine	Muscadine	Lamar	Albert S. Gray	Robert G. Redden	Sulligent	Sat on or bf fl m
327 Sulligent	Sulligent	Autauga	John T. Damon	Martin A. Pinson	Mountain Creek	Tues on or bf fl m
328 Bozeman	Bozeman	Blount	Wm. G. Dutton	Ephriam L. McCay	Bangor	Sat bf 1 and 3 Sun
329 Bangor	Bangor	Pike	Thos. R. Seancy	T. W. Law	Troy r f d 2	Sat bf 2 Sunday
330 Spring Hill	Spring Hill	Monroe	John W. Hadley	Hadley	Hadley	Sat bf 2 Sunday
331 Enon	Hadley		Andrew M. Coley	James A. Williams	Ira W. Rhodes	1 and 3 Saturday
332 Wewoka	Wewoka		Crenshaw	Berl F. Lowman	Alpine	1 and 3 Saturday
333 Searight	Searight	Lazarus Parker	Conecoa	I. E. Wilson	Sealright	Sat bf 4 Sunday
334 Mt. Union	Herbert	Morgan	Crow	P. W. Shaver	Herbert	Sat bf 4 Sunday
335 Mt. Zion	Zion	Jackson	Bridgeport	A. J. McCollough	Trinity r f d 1	2-a tuesday
336 Clay Armstrong Saltillo	Clay Armstrong Saltillo	Clarke	Marial K. Crovey	J. W. Wood	Bridgeport	2 and 4 Friday
337 Einon	Einon	Lowndes	H. M. Caffey	G. A. Dunn	Salipa	4 Saturday
338 Boaz	Boaz	Hayneville	John M. Solley	John M. Solley	Hayneville	2 and 4 Monday
339 Carmichael	Enterprise	Coffee	K. W. Harrison	A. D. Wright	Boaz	2 Tuesday
340 Carmichael	Coffee				Enterprise	2 and 4 Monday

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589 Carney.....	Atmore.....	John W. Baker, Jr.....	Perry A. Johns.....	Atmore.....	2 and 4 Tuesdays
580 Dwight.....	Alabama City.....	J. Prince.....	H. J. Burnap.....	Alabama City.....	2 and 4 Fridays
581 Fruiturst.....	Browna.....	W. H. Linday.....	R. S. Blackmarr.....	Fruiturst.....	1 and 3 Thursday
582 Brookside.....	Cleburne.....	Isaac T. Love.....	Frank M. House.....	Brookside.....	2 and 4 Tuesday
583 Astbury.....	Brooksville.....	Ellis M. Snell.....	John F. Lewis.....	Ozark Route 6.....	Sat br 2 and 4 Sun
584 Crane Hill.....	Crane Hill.....	Jefferson G. Land.....	Thos. W. Leak.....	Logan.....	Sat br 3 Sunday
585 Holly Pond.....	Cullman.....	Moses W. Hendrick.....	Oliver B. Wilson.....	Holy Pond rfd 1.....	Sat br 3 Sunday
586 Coal City.....	Cullman.....	Benj. F. Hamilton.....	Reuben M. Alverson.....	Coal City.....	Wed on or b fm
587 Wallace Haraison.....	Lawston.....	S. Smith.....	J. H. Myers.....	Langston.....	4 Friday
588 Cordova.....	Lindsey.....	W. M. Stokes.....	A. D. Thorne.....	Cordova.....	1 and 3 Friday
589 Ensley.....	Ensley.....	Frederick G. Moore.....	Hardeman S. Meade.....	Ensley.....	Every Thursday
590 Upshaw.....	Winston.....	W. G. Nelson.....	J. W. S. Hearn.....	Upshaw.....	1 Sat and 3 Tues
591 Vinemont.....	Vinemont.....	Wm. M. Shellesworth.....	Thos. A. Huie.....	Vinemont.....	Sat on or bf fm
592 Isney.....	Choctaw.....	H. Morgan Mason.....	Wm. T. Loftin.....	Aquila.....	2 Friday
593 Gordo.....	Gordo.....	Pickens.....	L. D. Brown.....	Gordo.....	2 Saturday
594 Section.....	Jackson.....	E. R. Smoot.....	J. E. Brown.....	Section.....	2 Friday
595 Clio.....	Clio.....	Wm. A. Arnold.....	Hugh C. Russell.....	Clio.....	2 and 4 Saturday
596 Century.....	Autauga.....	Wm. A. Cuff.....	Daniel W. McLean.....	Billingsley.....	1 Saturday
597 Billingsley.....	Calhoun.....	Wm. A. Waddell.....	L. P. Mills.....	Billingsley.....	2 and 4 Saturday
598 Eulaton.....	Eulaton.....	James G. Brantley.....	W. W. Ray.....	Aniston rfd 3.....	Sat br 2 Sunday
599 Anna Norton.....	Banks.....	James G. Pike.....	Wm. A. Crossley.....	Banks.....	1 and 3 Tuesday
600 Fresco.....	Fresco.....	James G. Crump.....	Jas. D. Willis.....	Tennille rfd 2.....	Saturday
601 Proctor.....	Chesley.....	Coosa.....	James W. Hull.....	Tennille rfd 1.....	Sat br 1 Sunday
602 Patton.....	Patton.....	D. H. Chilton.....	W. R. Thacker.....	Patton.....	Mon aft 1 & 2 Sun
603 Victoria.....	Adger.....	John D. Dagman.....	Alfred L. Thorp.....	Adger.....	2 and 4 1 & 2 Sun
604 Duke.....	Calhoun.....	Wm. W. Wester.....	Wm. E. Kelly.....	Wellington.....	Sat br 4 Sunday
605 Repton.....	Duke.....	Coneth.....	Richard H. Riggs, Jr.....	Belleview.....	3 w & 1 Wait 4 W
606 Cline.....	Repton.....	Edward L. Kelly.....	Thos. G. Walton.....	New Lexington.....	1 and 3 Saturday
607 Jenifer.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Lafayette F. Davis.....	James C. Wilson.....	Jenifer.....	1 and 3 Saturday
608 Tunnel City.....	Tunnel Spgs.....	Daniel B. Harris.....	Samuel H. Daily.....	Tunnel Springs.....	Friday br 3 Sun
609 Herbert.....	Belle Ellen.....	Monroe.....	Wm. S. Nash.....	Belle Ellen.....	1 and 3 Sat
610 Downing.....	Bibb.....	Daniel G. McSpadden.....	T. W. Cox.....	Castelberry.....	1 and 3 Friday
611 Reuben.....	Castleberry.....	Coneth.....	James A. Smith.....	Coneth.....	1 and 3 Saturday
612 Blue Springs.....	Oella.....	Jarvis P. Beard.....	James P. Hodnett.....	Lineville, rd 4.....	Saturday
613 Cedar Bend.....	Blue Spgs.....	Randolph.....	Jeroy P. Livingston.....	Blue Springs.....	1 and 3 Saturday
614 Wilson Shealy.....	Cedar Bend.....	Barbour.....	Isaac J. Livingston.....	Barbour.....	1 and 3 Saturday
615 Odom.....	Waverly.....	Cedar Bend.....	James R. Lester.....	Daniel W. Sturkile.....	1 and 3 Saturday
616 Concord.....	Waverly.....	Chambers.....	John J. Pinnell.....	Paul Hoffman.....	Waverly.....
617 Franklin.....	Driftton.....	Walker.....	G. W. Jones.....	Driftton.....	2 Wednesday
618 Prince.....	Jefferson.....	Belle Ellen.....	R. L. Leonard.....	Leonard.....	1 and 3 Tuesday
619 Coleanor.....	Pike.....	Castelberry.....	R. L. Waldrop.....	Bessemer rfd 6.....	1 and 3 Saturday
620 Ganit.....	Pike.....	Oella.....	P. Martin.....	Talmage Munn.....	Sat br 1 and 3 Sun
621 Covington.....	Prince.....	Blue Spgs.....	Hugny E. Walker.....	Coleanor.....	2 Saturday
622 DeKalb.....	Gant.....	Cedar Bend.....	Isaac J. Livingston.....	H. H. Livingston.....	Gant.....
623 Chavies.....	Chavies.....	Waverly.....	John P. Melvin.....	Edward E. McCurdy.....	Edward E. McCurdy.....

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691 North Birmingham	North B'ham	Jefferson	M. P. McGlathery	Geo. S. Lee	North B'ham	1 and 3 Monday
692 Moody	Moody	St. Clair	Thomas M. Adkins	Joseph W. Adkins	Odenville rd 1.	Sat bf 2 Sunday
693 Blacksher	Maros	Monroe	David C. Mills	Geo. W. Grimes	Jeddo	Sat bf 4 Sunday
694 Brighton	Brighton	E. L. Edmonson	Samuel Stewart	Samuel E. Draper	Brighton	1 and 3 Tuesday
695 Dolicto	Dolicto	John J. Yancey	Walter E. Draper	B'ham rd. 6	B'ham rd. 2 and 4	
696 Coffee Springs	Coffee Spgs.	Geneva	Thomas W. Slocum	Coiffe Springs	J. Thos. Cain	1 sat & fri bf 3 Sat
697 Greeno	Fairhope	Baldwin	James P. Slocum	Edward T. Molynaux	Fairhope	3 Saturday
698 Slocomb	Slocomb	Genova	James A. Killingsworth	Samuel M. Maund	Slocomb	2 and 4 Saturday
699 M. A. Wood	Littleton	Jefferson	James A. Tate	Robt. H. Mathews	Littleton	Sat bf 2 and 4 Sun
700 Brilliant	Brilliant	Marion	Wm. G. Cook	James A. Wates	Brilliant	1 and 3 Sat
701 Arley	Arley	Winston	Asa D. Hightower	Geo. W. Gibson	Arley	Sat bf 1 Sunday
702 Adamsville	Adamsville	Jefferson	J. H. Burton	Robt. Dabney	Adamsville rd 1.	2 and 4 Mondays
703 Healing Springs	Healing Spgs.	Washington	Ben M. Locke	Willie Simpson	Redemption	Fri bf 4 Sunday
704 Opp	Opp	Covington	Ben G. Cayor	J. A. Whaley Jr.	Opp	Fri bf 2 and 4 Sat
705 Olive	Albertville	Marshall	Horan Jackson	Geo. W. Williams	Albertville	1 and 3 Saturdays
706 Bentley	Vincent	Shelby	G. Smith	James F. Clements	Fri b 1 & 3 Sun	
707 Spruce Pine	Franklin	Covington	Geo. W. Lawhorn	James F. Streetman	Spruce Pine	and 4 Saturdays
708 Stoies	Pine	Walker	Andrew J. Cross	Dennis D. Miles	Nauvoo	1 and 3 Saturdays
709 Black Creek	Black Creek	Falco	Geo. G. Bagwell	Wm. M. Omary	Pinckard	sa b 1 su, fri b 3 su
710 Underwood	Underwood	Edgar W. Pinckard	Edgar W. Rountree	Wm. M. Head	2 and 4 Mondays	
711 Lexington	Altoona	Etorough	James C. Wade, Sr.	John E. Goodman	Altoona	1 and 3 Tuesdays
712 Lewis	Midland City	Lauderdale	(Geo. W. Thigpen	Andrew L. Phillips	Lexington	Lexington on or bf 1 m
713 Abernethy	Flomaton	Dale	(Chas. P. Brannon	John E. Goodman	Midland City rd 1.	
714 Perryville	Perryville	Escambia	Wm. L. Abernethy	Wm. C. Ross	Flomaton	1 and 3 Saturdays
715 Oak Grove	Oak Grove	Perry	Geo. C. Richardson	Benj. F. Harrison	Sorrot	3 Thursday
716 Battelle	Battelle	Jefferson	David F. Staggs, Jr.	Tom D. Hendrix	Adger rd 1	2 and 4 Saturday
717 DeKab	DeKab	DeKab	Thos. H. Morgan	John C. Ragan	Kaolin	4 Tuesday
718 Marengo	Marengo	Winston	D. E. Day	Geo. M. Smith	Nicholsville	1 Saturday
719 Queen	Houston	Fruitdale	Wm. C. Tidwell	Harrison G. Corbin	Houston	Sat bf 3 Sunday
720 Fruitdale	Fruitdale	Talladega	Wm. A. Haigler	Chas. E. Moorman	Fruitdale	Mon or bf 1 moon
721 Ironaton	Ironaton	Ironaton	Thos. A. Costner	Wm. A. Patterson	Ironaton	2 and 4 Monday
722 Sholby	Maylene	Sholby	J. E. West	J. S. Kellum	Maylene	2 and 4 Saturday
723 Samson	Samson	Geneva	John H. White	Iraha Sawyer	Samson	2 and 4 Saturday
724 Leigh	Leigh	Blount	L. R. Rooker	W. L. Calvert	Leigh	2 and 4 Mondays
725 Dry Creek	Cleveland	Blount	Albert R. Head	Lee G. March	Cleveland	2 and 4 Saturdays
726 Charles Haynes	Bayou La Batre	Mobile	Louis Myor	C. W. Morse	Bayou La Batre	1 and 3 Tuesdays

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28	Garden City.....	T. W. Cook.....	Wm. Chamberlee.....	Saturday
29	McCormack.....	Cullman.....	Abner J. Morton.....	1 and 3 Wednesday
30	Luverne.....	Mineral Spgs.....	John T. Ivie.....	1 and 4 Tuesday
31	Hacoa.....	Jefferson.....	Geo. W. Robbins.....	2 and 3 Saturday
32	Franconia.....	Geneva.....	J. D. Rice.....	1 Tuesday
33	Alicerville.....	Pickens.....	W. Franklin.....	1 and 3 Sun
34	Huffman.....	Jefferson.....	Thos. W. Franklin.....	Sat bf 1 & 3 Sun
35	Motley.....	Tallapoosa.....	Thos. L. Hood.....	Sat bf 1, 2 & 3 Sun
36	Sonora.....	Baldwin.....	Geo. L. Sharretts.....	Sat bf 1, Sunday
37	Birmingham.....	Jefferson.....	Richard T. Shipway.....	2 Saturday
38	Citronelle.....	Mobile.....	Thos. V. Johnson.....	Every Thursday
39	Erlod.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Geo. P. Brown.....	2 and 4 Tuesday
40	James Mills.....	James Mills.....	Geo. J. Mills.....	1 and 3 Saturday
41	Sam Gibbons.....	Posey.....	James F. Posey.....	1 and 2 Sunday
42	Savre.....	Jefferson.....	Isaac F. Perkins.....	1 and 3 Saturday
43	Angrus M. Scott.....	Cleburne.....	Wm. L. Neil.....	Sayre.
44	Waterloo.....	Lauderdale.....	Thos. J. Burton.....	Edwardsville.....
45	Ben M. Jacobs.....	St. Clair.....	Birdo Garrett.....	Wed bf 4 Sunday
46	Fairview.....	Pell City.....	John W. Lee.....	Waterloo.....
47	Glenwood.....	Oscoda.....	A. E. Ledward.....	1 and 3 Friday
48	Abernant.....	Crenshaw.....	A. W. Munzell.....	1 and 3 Thursday
49	Randolph.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Wm. T. Hutto.....	1 and 3 Tuesday
50	Miner.....	Randolph.....	John A. Jones.....	1 and 3 Mondays
51	Nix.....	Miner.....	Lelius L. Parsons.....	1 and 3 Saturdays
52	Webb.....	Houston.....	Amos Lindley.....	Wildwood.....
53	Black Rock.....	Black Rock.....	A. L. Beverett.....	Fri bf 1 and 3 Sun
54	Philadelphia.....	Crenshaw.....	Samuel F. Warden.....	Dothan rfd 5.....
55	Arkadelphia.....	Philadelphia.....	A. Head.....	2 and 4 Saturdays
56	Lamar.....	Randolph.....	Jephtha A. Head.....	Thurs bf 3 Sunday
57	Ranburne.....	Cleburne.....	David B. Thompson.....	1 and 3 Tuesdays
58	Celeste.....	Pike.....	Samuel M. Williams.....	Honorable route 1. w b 3 su
59	Dement.....	Ira Dement.....	John J. Whitten.....	Lanett.....
60	Lewisburg.....	Jefferson.....	Alagon S. Fletcher.....	Arkadelphia.....
61	Excel.....	Monroe.....	J. A. Dennis.....	Lamar.....
62	Lanett.....	Excelsior.....	Chas. A. Headman.....	Ranburne.....
63	Gen. A. Beauchamp M. Sterling.....	Franklin.....	Geo. W. Salter.....	Ainsley.....
64	Whiton.....	Chambers.....	R. J. D. Kelly.....	Dothan rfd 1.....
65	Pythagoras.....	Choctaw.....	Geo. R. Micou.....	Sa b 2 & 4 Sun
66	DeKalb.....	DeKalb.....	Gross A. Turner.....	1 and 3 Thursdays
67	Houston.....	R. L. Thomas.....	D. M. Stott.....	Albertville.....
68	Mount Ida.....	Duncan C. Carmichael.....	Dothan.....	2 and 4 Tuesdays
69	Franklin.....	S. E. Mount.....	Brantley rfd 1.....	1 and 3 Saturday
70	Washington.....	Franklin.....	Willard L. Hardwick.....	Righee T. Headland.....
71	Wm. H. Dingley.....	Frankland.....	Wm. P. Hardwick.....	Headland.....
72	Arab.....	Henry.....	Angus M. Scott.....	Every Tuesday
73	Chancellor.....	Arab.....	Joseph W. Hyatt.....	m af 2 su, sa b 4 su
74	Paint Rock.....	Chancellor.....	Chas. H. Cain.....	Chancellor.....
75	Stouts Mountain.....	Paint Rock.....	W. Z. Jones.....	Paint Rock.....
76	Maniste.....	Stouts Mountain.....	E. Smith.....	Stouts Mountain.....
77	Archie Heyburne.....	Maniste.....	Wm. M. Gormley.....	Maniste.....
78	Lindsey.....	Archie Heyburne.....	David B. Lamont.....	Archie Heyburne.....
79	Pollard.....	Lindsey.....	Wm. R. Blackwell.....	Wm. A. Finlay.....
80	Escambia.....	Pollard.....	Thos. B. Culmann.....	Escambia.....
81	Wm. T. Strout.....	Escambia.....	David B. Lamont.....	Wm. T. Strout.....

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689 Pearces Mills	Pearces Mills	Marion	Robert Franks	John W. Roberson	Pearces Mills	Pearces Mills
690 Acacia	Ft Creek	Walker	John E. Garrison	John D. Hollis	Quinton	2 and 4 Tuesdays
691 Joe Wheeler	Sandfield	Pike	Chas. F. Brooks	Wm. J. Chancellor	Troy, rd 8	2 and 4 Saturdays
692 H. G. Earnest	Hopewell	Cleburne	James J. Turner	Alonzo M. Turner	Hopewell	Saturdays
693 Sylvania	Sylvania	DeKalb	John G. DeShields	Joseph D. Bethune	Sylvania	Saturdays
694 Goshen	Goshen	Pike	Geo. H. Thigpen	John M. Parker	Goshen	1 and 3 Fridays
695 Loango	Covington	Covington	John M. James	S. A. Hutcheson	Loango	1 and 3 Saturdays
696 Dozier	Crenshaw	Dozier	Jesse H. Clark	Barbe D. Rowell	Dozier	2 and 4 Saturdays
697 Ashiar	Fabius	Jackson	James D. Mays	Geo. C. Mason	Yucca	Every Thursday
698 Everett	Fairview	Coffee	Z. R. Fuller	J. W. Grimes	Fairview	
699 Austinville	Austerville	Morgan	N. W. Thompson	Wm. R. Crow	New Decatur rd 3	
700 Jacob	Kellerman	Tuscaloosa	Miles P. Mealer	James P. Vaught	Kellerman	
701 Jamestown	Cherokee	Cherstow	Wm. D. Estes	James N. Bankson	Jamestown	

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Alberta -----	Robert E. Steiner-----	Montgomery.
Arizona -----	George P. Harrison-----	Opelika.
Arkansas -----	Henry Clanton Miller-----	East Lake.
British Columbia ---Jew Lazarus-----		Birmingham.
Canada -----	George F. Moore-----	Montgomery.
Colorado -----	F. L. Zimmerman-----	Troy.
Connecticut -----	Robert J. Redden-----	Sulligent.
Costa Rica-----	Elliott G. Rickarby-----	Mobile.
Cuba -----	Wallace W. Haralson-----	Ft. Payne.
Delaware -----	Fletcher J. Cowart-----	Troy.
Dist. of Columbia---John B. Lyons-----		Opelika.
England -----	James W. Penn-----	Attalla.
Florida -----	Russell M. Cunningham-----	Ensley.
Georgia -----	James A. Bilbro-----	Gadsden.
Greece -----	Simon Klotz -----	Birmingham.
Hungary -----	Morris Newfield -----	Birmingham.
Idaho -----	John G. Harris-----	Montgomery.
Illinois -----	William W. Daffin-----	Grove Hill.
Indiana -----	John H. Bankhead-----	Fayette.
Kansas -----	Samuel W. Tate-----	Anniston.
Louisiana -----	Oscar W. Underwood-----	Birmingham.
Maine -----	B. Dudley Williams-----	Oxford.
Manitoba -----	Jesse M. Carmichael-----	Ozark.
Maryland -----	Jacob D. Bloch-----	Mobile.
Michigan -----	William J. Orum-----	Montgomery.
Minnesota -----	Angus M. Scott-----	Headland.
Mississippi -----	James Alex. Moore-----	Montevallo.
Missouri -----	Hezeriah G. Earnest-----	Piedmont.
Montana -----	William A. Arnold-----	Clio.
Nebraska -----	Joseph H. Edwards-----	Wylam.
Nevada -----	John Hodges Drake-----	Auburn.
New Brunswick ---Percy B. Dixon-----		Mobile.

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New Jersey -----	Ben M. Jacobs-----	Birmingham.
New South Wales --	Hugh S. D. Mallory-----	Selma.
New York -----	George P. Harrison-----	Opelika.
New Zealand -----	Louis Bloch -----	Montgomery.
North Carolina -----	Basil M. Hill-----	Springville.
North Dakota -----	John G. Smith-----	Birmingham.
Nova Scotia -----	Augustus J. Camp-----	Birmingham.
Ohio -----	Jesse M. Carmichael-----	Ozark.
Oregon -----	John B. Christian-----	Uniontown.
Peru -----	Nicholas Stallworth -----	Evergreen.
Prince Edward Isl'nd	Nicholas Stallworth -----	Evergreen.
Quebec -----	Samuel Isaac -----	Montgomery.
Rhode Island -----	Hinds Peevey -----	Birmingham.
Scotland -----	Leon Schwarz -----	Mobile.
South Australia ---	George F. Sedberry-----	Wetumpka.
South Carolina -----		
South Dakota -----	Francis H. Bates-----	Hamburg.
Tennessee -----	John L. White-----	Guin.
Vermont -----	George H. Thigpen-----	Brantley.
Victoria -----	George M. Morrow-----	Birmingham.
Virginia -----	George A. Beauchamp---	Montgomery.
Washington -----	James B. Hunter-----	Union Springs.
Western Australia ..	William Yates Titcomb--	Anniston.
West Virginia -----	Daniel A. Greene-----	Birmingham.

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British Columbia ..	A. Haslan -----	Nanaimo.
Canada -----	A. T. Freed-----	Hamilton.

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Cuba	Andres A. Valdes	Havana.
Delaware	Benton V. Weldon	Smyrna.
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England	Sir Augus. Fredk. Webster	Battle Abbey. (County of Sussex.)
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Georgia	James W. Taylor	Lutherville.
Greece	A. P. Alexanderopoulos	Athens.
Hungary	Alexander Frankel	Budapest.
Idaho	Charles P. Bilderback	Emmett.
Illinois	Chester A. Allen	Galesburg.
Indiana	Martin H. Rice	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Benjamin F. Hackett	Wister.
Ireland	John McConnell	Belfast.
Kansas	Thomas J. Anderson	Topeka.
Louisiana	L. C. Allen	Shreveport.
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Maryland	William M. Isaac	Baltimore.
Michigan	James Rowson	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. Brandenberg	Fergus Falls.
Mississippi	Frank Burkitt	Okolona.
Missouri	A. M. Hough	Jefferson City.
Montana	Harvey L. Keene	Canton.
Nebraska	Alpha Morgan	Broken Bow.
Nevada	W. D. Jones	Austin.
New Brunswick	Thomas Findlay	St. John.
New Jersey	Henry K. Cannon	Elizabeth.
New South Wales	Claud Leplastier	Sidney.
New York	Otto W. Volger	Buffalo.
New Zealand	Charles Crump	Sydney.
North Carolina	Samuel M. Gattis	Hillsboro.

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Quebec -----	Walter Nutt -----	Canton.
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South Carolina -----	R. T. Jaynes-----	Walhalla.
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Tennessee -----	Thomas H. Hamilton-----	Memphis.
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Virginia -----	John W. Kellain-----	Locustville.
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Wisconsin -----	Philo A. Orton-----	Darlington.

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Canada -----	Ralph Leeming Gunn-----	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado -----	Charles H. Jacobson-----	Denver.
Connecticut -----	John H. Barlow-----	Hartford.

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Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Havana.
Delaware	Benjamin F. Bartram	Wilmington.
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Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolibin	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise.
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Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
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New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
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New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.

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North Carolina -----	John C. Brewery -----	Raleigh.
North Dakota -----	Frank J. Thompson -----	Fargo.
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Oregon -----	James F. Robinson-----	Philadelphia.
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Peru -----	J. Benjamin Choza -----	Lima.
Porto Rico -----	Alberto F. Martinez-----	San Juan.
Prince Edward Isl'nd	Neil MacKelvie -----	Summerside.
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Rhode Island -----	S. Penrose Williams-----	Providence.
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South Carolina -----	Jacob T. Barron-----	Columbia.
South Dakota -----	George A. Pettigrew-----	Sioux Falls.
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Tennessee -----	John B. Garrett-----	Nashville.
Texas -----	John Watson -----	Waco.
Utah -----	Christopher Diehl -----	Salt Lake City.
Vermont -----	Henry H. Ross-----	Burlington.
Victoria -----	John Braim -----	Melbourne.
Virginia -----	George W. Carrington-----	Richmond.
Washington -----	Horace W. Tyler-----	Olympia.
Western Australia --	John D. Stevenson-----	Perth.
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Wyoming -----	William L. Kuydendall--	Saratoga.

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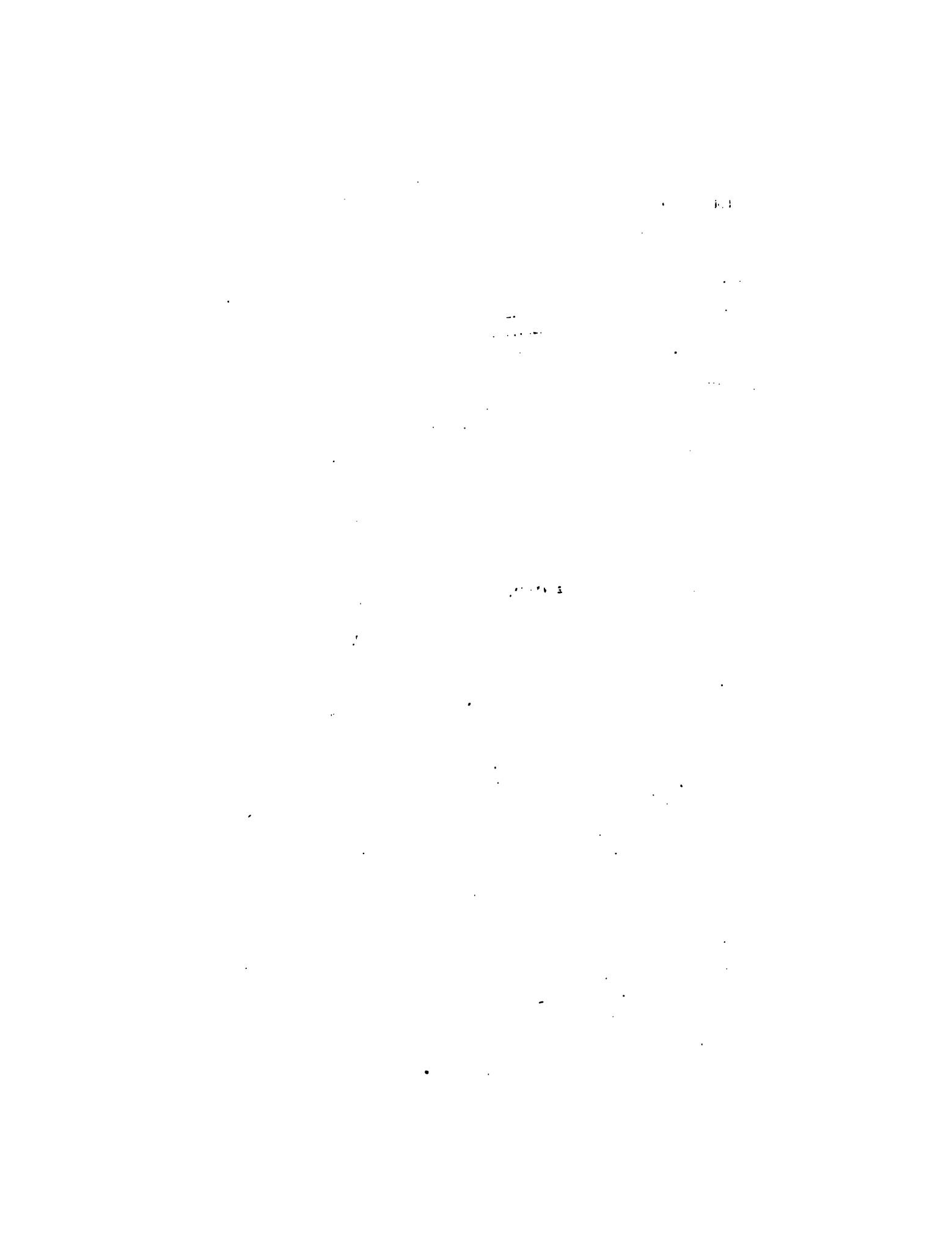
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MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

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JAMES T. GREENE (443), Anniston, Chairman Committee.

The next Annual Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, commencing at 3 o'clock P. M., on first Tuesday, i. e., the first day of December, A. D., 1908.

Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges will forward returns to Grand Secretary by the 1st day of October, and Annual Dues by before the 15th day of November.

Should Secretaries fail to receive Blanks for making Returns by the 15th of September, they are earnestly requested to notify Grand Secretary promptly of the fact, and other Blanks will be forwarded to them.

